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NOTES.



THE letter from Nome, Alaska, in this number, which tells of the formation of the "Arctic Circle," the farthest north club in the world will be of great interest to all our readers. Nothing could possibly emphasize the growth and spread of the club movement better than this voice from the arctic zone, coupled with the reflection that the CLUB WOMAN is also a regular visitor to the Woman's Club of Mexico City.

Bear in mind that it is not what we acquire, but what we share, that makes us strong, and so "pass it on" in the club movement.

Please remember this summer that the CLUB WOMAN is the organ of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and ought to be taken, not only by every one of the clubs belonging to the Federation, but by the individual members of those clubs. To have it seen on many tables, read and discussed and talked of by many women, will help to establish more widely and firmly the club movement and all that it represents.

Of social fads, that for "clubs" is, perhaps, the most popular one of the moment. When men ridicule this fad and when such women as do not believe in clubs join in the ridicule, it behooves them to ask whether or not we are more profitably employed in having something useful and reasonable to discuss, and the opportunity for discussing it, in having a wider range of intellectual vision and the inspiration that comes of thoughtful intercourse, than when we were narrowed to the church social and the sewing society.

Just as we are going to press word comes that the Local Board at Los Angeles has decided upon April 26, 1902, as the opening day of the sixth Biennial. The convention will begin on Thursday and last a week, and Sunday will be used as a day of rest, breaking the strain of the "six days when we shall labor."

The editor of this paper has recently been made State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution for Massachusetts. There are many club women in our Massachusetts towns where we have no chapters of the D. A. R. If this paragraph falls under the eye of any such, will they not write the editor and let us see if we may not add several fine new chapters to the Massachusetts list the coming season.

Will our correspondents please make a note of the fact that all matter must be in our hands before the 15th of the month to secure a place in the following issue?

Here's to June—the month of roses, girl-graduates and weddings.

Now have come the shining days
When field and wood are robed anew,
And o'er the world a silver haze
Blends the emerald with the blue.
—John Burroughs in June "Century."

American readers will be glad to know that the important "Quarterly Review" article on "The Character of the Queen," is reprinted entire in "The Living Age" for May 25 and June 1.

The many readers of "To Have and To Hold" and "Prisoners of Hope" will be glad to know that a new story by Mary Johnston is to appear serially in the "Atlantic Monthly," beginning with the May number. It is called "Audrey," and is laid in the Virginia of 1727. It reveals everywhere maturity of observation, joined with profoundly poetic interpretation of nature and of human passion. It will prove a memorable serial.

The Massachusetts annual convention of the Federation will be reported in full by our able corresponding editor, Mrs. Goodwin, in the July number. Iowa's Biennial will occupy the entire August issue.

Another club heard from. Elsewhere in this number we tell about the "Arctic Circle," at Nome, Alaska. Now we hear from "The American Women's Literary Society" of Shanghai, the only woman's club in China. They are considering the question of joining the General Federation at an early date. Here's our hand, sisters,—hands across the sea.

Miss Louise Karr, who has given her original monologues before many leading women's clubs during the past season, will spend the summer in England and Germany. She has given a number of recitals at the Waldorf-Astoria and at Berkeley Lyceum in New York recently, and her sketches are spoken of with great enthusiasm by some of the cleverest critics there.

Again does Iowa demonstrate her loyalty to the CLUB WOMAN by choosing this as the fit place for publishing the full report of the biennial of her State Federation, thus establishing an official bond between the CLUB WOMAN and every club woman in Iowa. Their complete report will appear in either the July or August number and will be fully as interesting as that of two years ago, which many of our readers will remember. By the way, how much more sensible it is for the State Federations to rally to the support of one "official organ," and that the organ of their great head, the G. F. W. C., than to weaken the influence of the latter by establishing a multiplicity of club journals all over the land none of which obtain adequate support. An old saying tells us that a certain road to an undesirable goal is paved with good intentions. The path of the great club movement is certainly dotted with failures of club journals which have died from lack of support. While we wish all existing club organs prosperity and long life, we would urge those State Federations which have so far refrained from venturing on the uncertain sea of club journalism to join the ranks of those who have tried it and seen their frail bark go down, in standing by the CLUB WOMAN. From nearly four years' experience we can say it is our sincere belief that there is room for only one thoroughly good broad and up-to-date club paper which shall represent all sections. Is it not better to rally around one and make that first class by giving it hearty moral and financial support than to scatter the interest and influence through a dozen smaller and narrower mediums? Think it over.

THE MELLOWING OF OCCASION.



WERE you ever a club president? And do you remember how you felt about the election? If it was the first time, you considered the occasion one of the most momentous of your whole experience. You spent anxious days and sleepless nights beforehand worrying for fear you would fail of the necessary number of votes. You went over and over the list of your club friends and tabulated them as "for" or "against" you, with more or less doubtful. When the day of election came you worried some more. You became more nervous with every hour. If you stayed away from the meeting the time between 4 and 6 P. M. seemed bigger with fate than ever it did while the President of a great nation was being chosen.

Or, if you were brave and attended the annual meeting the balloting seemed to drag on through countless hours and you trembled with excitement, while the tellers were out and the unambitious but faithful debated over unimportant details of business. And finally when you found you had won what a load rolled from your shoulders and the inches were added to your stature!

And then came the days of congratulation, when your friends came to rejoice and your enemies to make their peace. Letters poured in upon you bringing messages of love and blessing and of advice galore. The opposing candidate, if experienced, joined in pæans of praise and "moved to make it unanimous," or, if inexperienced, showed her caliber and her disappointment by ignoring you personally, becoming suddenly afflicted with poor eyesight when you came near, and refusing to attend the meetings. And then your troubles began. Women, whose names you scarcely knew, came and poured out their griefs to you, expecting first aid to the injured from your over-burdened hands, or demanding that you champion their grievances as your own because they had given you their vote. Other women whom you failed to put upon the particular committee they wanted (all unknown to you) turned against you; you began to hear things, and perhaps received an anonymous letter or two.

Cheerful, wasn't it? You had more anxious days and sleepless nights, trying to decide whether you would acknowledge yourself beaten and resign, or brave it out. And you chose the latter, partly because of your own pluck and partly because after all you found so many supporters who were warm-hearted, just, kind and true. You began to realize that we are all grown-up children and that the selfish, self-seeking, uncharitable woman is only the undisciplined child a little larger grown; and that you must not lower

GOOD FITTING AND WELL WEARING GLOVES at the right price are a great pleasure, and not always obtainable.

So we are going to suggest if you have been disappointed elsewhere that you try a pair from Miss Fisk's, 144 Tremont Street. She has them at \$2, \$1.50 and \$1.25 a pair, and no matter which you purchase, you are assured of satisfaction.

your own womanhood nor lose sight of your own ideals in dealing with such. And just here your own development as a good club woman began.

But if you have been president several times, either of different organizations or of one for a number of years, the annual election sinks to the level of any other common-place event. Your name is up for votes, it is true, but it is no longer a matter of vital interest whether the votes are more or less. You lose no sleep over the matter, and add no wrinkles to the crows feet that have already arrived (for this beautiful philosophic view-point is not reached by a single bound any more than Holland's heaven.) You do not care to attend the election. If you do you watch it with a quite impersonal interest; if not, you are quite apt to wish devoutly that the other woman may get it, for really it will mean a lot of work and bother. And you are not a bit elated when you know you're elected. Honor? Oh, yes; but there's a lot of work, too.

And then the letters and things get funny. Unsolicited advice which used to serve only to confuse and perplex is ahead of Joe Miller's or any other joke book, and you laugh heartily in your private lair as you digest offers of service and detailed excuses from the woman who voted against you and who cannot comprehend the fact that you have lived beyond caring whether she did or did not want you for president. You are "it" anyway, and you propose to do your best in the position to which you are raised by votes of the club. Beyond that what matters?

All this if you have mastered the philosophy of life and are sure of yourself. And I know of nothing that will bring a woman up into the plane of calm trustfulness where she can look beyond the pettiness of the few to the broadness of humanity like the work of a club president. Working will show her the best and the worst side of other women quicker; nothing will break down her faith in woman-nature more surely, and nothing will build it up more securely.

And so every woman should become a club president a few times—the more the better—in order that she may have the broadening experience it gives. I have always said I wanted to preside over a club made up entirely of ex-club presidents. And yet how they would know it all! And as for parliamentary law—well, should we ever get anywhere?

"What makes little girls like to be so silly?" I asked Alison one day in one of her giggling moods. "Oh, God makes us to be," she retorted. And some of us never come out of that state. But let us not blame Him for it.

FROM FARTHEST NORTH.

NOME, Alaska.

Editor CLUB WOMAN:

As I read in your valuable periodical the accounts sent in from the various clubs throughout the Union, I feel prompted to write you of the club in which I am at present most interested, thinking this feeling may be reciprocated by you. This club of which I speak is situated in the frozen North and so near the Arctic Circle that that name has been chosen for the club. If you ever receive this letter, dear CLUB WOMAN, it will have traveled miles and miles by dog team all the way from Nome, Alaska, to Dawson, Y. T., a distance of from 1600 to 1700 miles by direct route. From Dawson up the river and to Skagway by the new railroad, and from there four days on the sea before Seattle is reached. From Seattle the United States mail dispatcher will hasten it across the continent in about four days. So that if you receive this missive you will know of the successful accomplishment of its long journey,

all to tell you that the woman's club idea has penetrated this distant place.

The Arctic Circle has been founded with the same ideas as have been found among the founders of other clubs throughout the world, for the betterment of womankind, and has for its members ladies from many different sections of the United States.

The programs are interspersed quite liberally with social events as the social element dominates every other one in Nome during the winter season. We escape the topic of "Current Events" in our club, for alas! we have none. At this date, February 4, do not know who is the president-elect, nor have we heard any news from the world since October 10. Nor have we the CLUB WOMAN, only as we re-read old copies, but these we find of infinite benefit. Life in Alaska is not a sinecure, but we do have the privilege of paying \$60 per ton for coal and thawing ice every morning before we can prepare breakfast. If I were not writing to club women about club work I would tell you of the gay and brilliant social affairs of the elegantly attired ladies, of the music, the illumination and electrical displays, all or nearly all the achievements of our women, with which we wile away the time forgetting to go home until some time the following day. But as I am writing to you of the "Arctic Circle," the farthest north woman's club, I will give a list of her members: Mrs. Rue Glasgow Archer, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Julia Marden Bruce, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Frank Butters, Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. Clarence S. Hannum, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Edward S. Ingraham, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. L. S. Burrell, Dawson, Y. T.; Mrs. Frank Durand, Butte, Mont.; Mrs. B. F. Porter, New York city; Mrs. W. V. Rineheart, Jr., Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Gertrude Witmer Rawson, Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Frank A. Steel, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. J. F. A. Strong, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. H. C. Wilkinson, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. L. Yates, Weaverville, Cal.; Mrs. T. M. Reed, Olympia, Wash.

Mrs. E. S. Ingraham was chosen president; Mrs. Minor Bruce, vice-president; Mrs. W. V. Rineheart, secretary, and Mrs. C. S. Hannum, treasurer.

Looking forward to the time when the vicissitudes of a mining camp shall give place to the comforts of home, and when the mail carrier will once more leave the ever welcome CLUB WOMAN at the door. I subscribe myself

Very cordially yours,

MYRA C. INGRAHAM.

[This letter, which was mailed February 7, 1901, was received May 10, 1901, and was on the journey just three months and three days.—EDITOR.]

The club movement came to minister to a hunger and a deep-seated need in woman's nature. It stands as the answer to that need today, and it stands for more. It stands for the enriching of home life. Development means power. Power is for use. The power to do is a call to do. The club develops; federation utilizes, federation widens a club's power for usefulness, and federation is a call to every club to become a part of a great potential force for service to humanity, the like of which has never before been known in organization. The more a club has to contribute, the louder is the call. The club that gives is the club that grows. The latest interpretation of club purpose is the development of ability and power for service in the world.—[Mrs. Belle M. Perry.]

Egotism, whether confined to an individual, a family, a club, or a circle of society, stands squarely in the path of progress. We need sometimes to look away from ourselves—from our own selves and our own state, and learn what others are doing, and what helpful plans are being evolved for the general good. This is the true meaning of reciprocity as applied to club work. The mission of the General Federation is to collect the latest and most practical ideas on club work and act as a great distributor for them.—[The Interchange.]

ROOM NO. 6, WARD 3.

Wilbur Herschel Williams.

SUPPOSE my remarks are out of place; at any rate, they are ineffectual," said Mrs. Barnes ruefully, directing a nervously pathetic glance at the iron-barred door of Room 6, Ward 3.

"The most delicate sensibilities of attendants and nurses often become blunted in time and I had long since supposed that the incoherent appeals and heartbreaking sobs of the mentally deranged were as impotent to awaken my maiden sympathy as a March gale rattling my window-panes; but when Mrs. Corey came"—

The woman cast another distressed glance at the grim door, slowly growing blacker in the waning sunlight, and seemed too choked to finish her remarks.

"It is only natural that any well-bred individual should be concerned in the fate of a woman as pretty and refined as Mrs. Corey," said Dr. Trask, as he yawned unconcernedly and glanced at his watch. "Women in her walks of life are usually sent to private asylums."

"Dr. Trask, that woman is no more insane than I am," said Mrs. Barnes firmly and forcibly, as she gazed straight into the eyes of the tall, venerable physician. "I have talked with her for hours. I have scrutinized and studied her every act, and years of experience have made me thoroughly competent to detect any traces of insanity when I have an opportunity."

"Humph!" replied the doctor with a touch of disdain. "You would not label your woman's judgment as paramount to that of the best physicians of the state, one of its brightest attorneys and a conscientious probate judge, would you?"

"It is quite possible for all—yes, all of the before-mentioned gentlemen to err at times," said Mrs. Barnes with sarcastic calmness. "I believe that many a woman is consigned to an asylum who is but a victim of extreme nervousness, or as the English facetiously term it, 'Americanitis,' instead of insanity."

"There is a difference between the victims of insanity and those suffering mere mental derangement," replied the doctor implacably. "Mrs. Corey, I think, comes under the latter class and as you know, the asylum is the goal for any person, however slightly his mental equipoise may be affected, providing he becomes a nuisance to his relatives or those about him."

"True," replied Mrs. Barnes, readjusting her snowy cap, "and it is high time that the women of this state and in many others, perhaps, the mothers of indulged and lovely daughters, arise and rectify this barbarous custom—this incarceration of nerve-exhausted women in asylums for the insane. It would be just as reasonable to send a typhoid patient to a small pox pesthouse. It may mean little to you men, but God only knows the suffering more than one woman of refinement has experienced at finding herself accused by an ignorant family, tried before a judge and sent to this place, which is worse than the grave and almost as humiliating as a penitentiary, when she is guiltless of the charge against her! As you well know, the subsequent constant brooding over the unjust humiliation and permanent degradation either kills the poor victim in a short time, or else in truth she goes raving mad, just as the court, physician, and perhaps the husband, had predicted. Wouldn't it be enough to make any well-raised woman raving mad?"

"What would you have us horrid men do, madam?" queried the doctor in mock urbanity.

"I know little about the intricate processes of law and government, excepting the fact that in some places they are lax and incompetent," replied the little advocate for the betterment of the

condition of her sex, as she alternated her glances between the doctor's eyes and the door of Room No. 6, Ward 3, her enthusiasm and sense of justice inspiring her with confidence and volubility.

"The state complains that its four great asylums are overcrowded, especially in the female quarters, and now proposes the building of a new one. Why could not the Legislature instead authorize the building of a home—a beautiful, restful, secluded home for nerve-tired mothers and daughters—and thus greatly reduce this redundant female population of those asylums? Wouldn't it be a blessing to the women of our great state? Wouldn't it give one a sense of comfort to know that it existed, and wouldn't it save hundreds of women from dying of broken hearts? Surely the unavoidable separation from her dear ones and a possible trying scene in court is ordeal enough, without the last bitter doom—a consignment to a lunatic asylum. Under the false charge of insanity their self-respect is often killed. They are blighted as long as the live, no matter if they recover and are allowed to return home. Their constitution is undermined, and many of them are by this fallacious process literally murdered."

The doctor's habitual apathy gave place to an attitude expressive of an awakened interest, as he admiringly eyed the little woman, whose black eyes fired by a just cause, her burning cheeks and heaving bosom, her clenched hands and erect figure combined to transform her into a fascinating picture; but he chilled her noble ardor by remarking in a cool insinuating tone:

"Perhaps it would be wise for you to keep your views to yourself in this place, if you wish to remain in the asylum yourself. If I were you I would give up my position and go out stump-speaking on the great subject of Equal Suffrage."

The ruddy glow died away on the cheeks of the unselfish little woman, as she turned and walked slowly towards the door of Room No. 6, Ward 3.

"Mrs. Barnes!"

"Yes, sir," she replied, as she calmly faced the doctor, as submissively as the girl who manipulated the elevator would have done.

"Obey this injunction without fail. Mrs. Corey is in a precarious condition and I must insist that no one be permitted to her apartment. As for yourself, be careful, for she has criminal tendencies. Watch her closely."

He stood for a moment reflectively biting the head of his cane and then said almost dreamily:

"Many of your ideas are correct, although rudely expressed, Mrs. Barnes, and I admire your philanthropic zeal and devotion to the interests of your sex; but if you hope to get a willing audience who will act upon your advice do not be aggressive, do not rail against doctors and probate judges and attorneys and husbands and other such necessary evils."

"I did not mean to do that, sir," she replied quickly. "They are nearly all conscientious, but they do not understand women or their needs. I only wish I were intelligent and clever of speech that I might make you understand me. I am very, very ignorant, but I can feel keenly. I shall not broach the subject again, sir. Good evening."

She fitted the key to the lock of No. 6, Ward 3, and entered noiselessly. A beautiful young woman attired in somber black sat by the grated window embroidering poppies on a piece of cloth stretched tightly across a small hoop. She was pale and delicate and her abundant brown hair hung about her ears and in long braids down her back.

Mrs. Barnes laid her hand softly on her shoulder. The captive started violently and shrieked, throwing her embroidery across the room.

"Be not alarmed, Mrs. Corey," said the attendant, soothingly, as she pressed the soft, white trembling hands of her charge and

with sweet femininity kissed her brow, tears standing in her eyes.

"Oh, nurse, I was so startled!" gasped Mrs. Corey. "I was so afraid it was He. I believe the sight of him would drive me mad and, oh, how happy that would make him!"

"There, there dear, don't work yourself up into a nervous state again," said Mrs. Barnes, tenderly cuddling the beautiful head against her matronly bosom. "He shan't come here and you are quite safe."

"How long am I to stay in this prison?"

"Not very long, I trust," said Mrs. Barnes, taking a seat beside the trembling woman, and holding one of her shapely hands. "When it grows warmer we will take many a long walk and ramble through thickets and gather crow-feet and listen to the singing birds. You will then get quite strong and well again, but in the meantime you must not worry or grow dejected."

"Ah, that will be nice," replied the invalid nonchalantly. "Just think! I have been here for ages like Robinson Crusoe on his desert isle—only he had the skies, the trees, the waters of the ocean, and Nature's other amenities to keep him company. He could wander where he pleased, nor was he afraid of his life being taken. But for you, my good man Friday, I would have died long ago."

She smiled sadly, and selecting from a small broken pitcher the loveliest of a double cluster of American Beauty roses that relieved the monotony of the room, presented it to Mrs. Barnes.

"Let that be a pledge of our eternal friendship, mon ami," she said sweetly. "It will fade, but my gratefulness—never. You will not leave me for so long a time ago, will you?"

Mrs. Barnes could not withstand the entreaty of the appealing blue eyes conjoined with a voice that would have moved the heart of the most truculent barrister if given full opportunity to plead its cause. Before she could reply Mrs. Corey rambled on:

"Oh! these lovely roses! These perfect Beauties and Jacks! Isn't Arthur good to send them? He knows I like roses and ever since I have been imprisoned here he has kept my cheerless room bright with them. Dear good fellow!"

She culled the fragrant flowers and kissed their fragile petals with the rapture of a child turned loose for the first time in a flower garden. Then as had been her custom for nine long weary weeks, as long as the daylight lasted, she resumed her embroidery and calmly bent her head to the task.

After the frugal supper served a half hour later, Mrs. Barnes stepped out into the hall to make her way to a balcony facing the chapel to inhale a breath of fresh air, for she was fatigued and perturbed. Mrs. Corey, still holding the drumhead of embroidery in her lap, was asleep—a veritable picture of wronged and suffering innocence.

The attendant having secured the lock, moved slowly towards the window through which the ghostly moon was shedding its feeble rays; but she stopped as though turned to stone at the sight of a large dark figure approaching slowly and stealthily from one of the narrow, unlighted corridors leading from the fire-escape. She would have screamed lustily had not the intruder covered her mouth with his hand and pressed her firmly against the wall.

"Be quiet, madam, in God's name!" spoke a deep voice more tender than imperative. "I am a friend and mean you no harm unless you betray me. If you do that, I shall deal with you as is your due. Without any hesitation show me to Room No. 6, Ward 3. I think I am on the right floor, am I not?"

"Tell me who you are and what you want there," faltered Mrs. Barnes, cowering and weeping from fright. "Do you not know that what you ask is impossible? I was told to watch the lady closely and to permit no one to see her."

"For which injunction I care not a fig. For weeks I have tried to see her, but have always been refused admittance. All

my notes, I suppose, were fed to the flames; but I am not to be thwarted this time. Here, madam, is a purse. Leave me alone with Mrs. Corey but two minutes. We are old and true friends, and I have come to see her—to comfort her. Pray do not compel me to use violence."

Mrs. Barnes spurned the purse, and, having partially regained her composure, said simply:

"What is your name?"

"Arthur Maxwell."

"Are you the gentleman who sends her flowers?"

"The same. I am glad they allow her to receive them. Did she know who the donor was?"

"Yes, she speaks very often of Arthur. The flowers you send, her embroidery and old recollections occupy all her waking hours."

"Take me to her."

"Mr. Maxwell, I cannot possibly do that, as I am under a promise to let no one see her; besides, she is dangerous. She may kill you."

"I will risk it!" cried Maxwell, seizing Mrs. Barnes again by the arm. "Madam, I believe I can trust you. Your face is honest and sensible. I have been Mrs. Corey's friend all through life and intended to marry her when I was able, but never proposed to her. I went to Utah in 1889 and in an incredibly short time 'struck it rich'—as they say out there—in the Tintic mines. I returned with a modest fortune to find her deceived and married by a brute. I have rescued her from his ferocity at divers times and now I have come to speak just a few words of cheer and see that she is in need of nothing. You may stay in the room with us. Madam, without further delay, announce me to Mrs. Corey!"

Although Mrs. Barnes knew she was violating her word of honor to Dr. Trask and was in great danger of bringing upon her head the terrible wrath of the warden and others in authority, she gave a hasty glance down the long dismal hall and unlocked the door of Room 6, Ward 3. Upon finding its occupant still dressed, patiently and ceaselessly embroidering, she said:

"Mrs. Corey, here is your friend, Mr. Arthur Maxwell." Then she closed the door and locked it, leaving them alone together.

Hardly had she turned the key when a confused murmur was heard in the lower hall; then followed a clatter of feet, a volley of oaths from some horrible being, excited exclamations from others and the raucous puffing of a number of individuals in hot haste as they quickly mounted the two flights of stairs.

Nearer and louder grew the din, and finally at one end of the hall, lighted only by a feeble, glimmering gas jet, several attendants from the male ward appeared and Dr. Trask himself. Close at their heels followed a burly, mean-visaged and intoxicated creature clad in the vulgar apparel of a cheap sport and carrying a redoubtable club.

"Did you see a man enter yonder window a few moments ago?" asked one of the attendants in breathless excitement, as he grasped the woman roughly by the arm.

"No," replied Mrs. Barnes, wresting away the hand that roughly detained her. Then she uttered a low moan of consternation for she had left the key in the door.

In a moment Dr. Trask had effected an entrance and Room No. 6, Ward 3, shortly became the scene of one of the liveliest bits of dramatic reality that had occurred for a long time in that dreary refuge.

Maxwell and Mrs. Corey were standing in the middle of the room with clasped hands and when the dreadful commotion began she was saying:

"I cannot convince them that I am rational. All my most sane arguments petitioning release are treated as illusions. They imagine that I can exist upon nothing but hallucinations, when the truth is I am as sane as they are. So you, like everybody, believed that I was irretrievably insane? How noble and true you have

been! Hush! Is my mind really wandering? Hear that awful noise! It is He! I know it!"

The door was thrown violently open, dashing the massive key upon the bare pine floor and when the doctor appeared, followed by the dissipated face of the libertine and later his ill-shapen body and club, Mrs. Corey uttered a piercing shriek and fell lifeless in Maxwell's arms.

"I have caught you this time!" cried the villainous-looking man exultingly. "I have followed you and have found you in a very compromising situation indeed. Gentlemen, this is Mr. Maxwell, a prominent assayer of this city, and the woman is my wife. I do not believe it is their first clandestine meeting."

Maxwell's ruddy face became as livid as that of a waxen image, but he made no move to strangle his accuser, who had taken the wise precaution to slink behind Dr. Trask.

"We never had a secret meeting in our lives—paltry coward!" cried Maxwell, making a step forward and clenching his fists. "Both of us are above your vile insinuations. Gentlemen, whatever you may think of me, have charity for the hapless woman. Let me in turn introduce you to Mrs. Corey's husband, commonly known as 'Tin-horn Jimmy'—a gambler, rake, drunkard, black-mailer, wife-beater, ingrate, coward, sneak, loafer and adulterer!"

"I have done much for both of them for her sake. When he cursed and beat her and drove her from the house, I came to her rescue and tried to pacify the troubled waters without incurring his ill will. I gave him the home he lives in. I shielded him and protected him whenever I could. When he ungratefully intimates that I have betrayed him he knows that he is wittingly concocting a falsehood!"

"On that cot lies the woman he crushed by his deviltry although associated with him never impaired her honor. True, she had a temper of her own and at times resented his fiendish abuses. The argument brought up in court of her attempting to kill him may be true, too; but although the evidence may be conclusive to the ears of the law ever ready to seize such facts, I swear she is not mentally deranged and he knows it. She is only a poor, helpless woman—a nervous wreck. Coward! How can you gaze upon your dastardly work without feeling some compunction? How—"

"Enough!" interrupted Dr. Trask. "Let no more words be spoken on either side. My sympathies, of course, are with Mrs. Corey, and I hope if she has been wronged justice will have its sway. You will please retire, Mr. Maxwell, and all the rest of you. As for you, Mrs. Barnes, you may prepare to leave the asylum tomorrow for disobeying the mandates of your superiors."

"Very well, sir," she replied tremulously, bathing the head of the frightened woman who had recovered but with palsied arms clung closely about the neck of her attendant.

"I shall have Mrs. Corey removed to a private asylum tomorrow, Dr. Trask," said Maxwell, magisterially.

"And by whose authority?" piped Corey, who still stood behind the doctor close to the door.

"By the authority of the state," replied Maxwell, his ire having modulated itself into quiescent scorn. "As for Mrs. Barnes, she will accompany Mrs. Corey in the capacity of companion."

The two weeping women embraced each other in a spasm of delight, and the actors in the little drama dispersed, including Maxwell, who bowed to the ladies with the most rigid decorum and then went out into the night.

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Six months later, in early summer, a light open vehicle stopped in front of the ample grounds of Ivy Home, and a tall, handsome man, plainly but tastefully attired, dismounted and tied his horse to a hitching post; then he walked quickly up the circuitous driveway to the terrace, and, mounting the steps with the alacrity of a schoolboy, rang the bell with the same impetuosity.

It was a beautiful day, and all nature around him resolved itself into enchanting vistas and ample sweeps of lawn as smooth as Genoa velvet; the horizon bordered to the west by a tiny blue ribbon-like river, apparently kissed by the gauzy white clouds of an azure sky. A large fountain below the terrace, whose shaft was embossed with nereids and cherubim, with a figure of Pontus sitting sedate and impassive at its base, energetically spurted forth its corruscant spray in the sunlight. The air was redolent with the perfume of myriads of yellow roses and honeysuckles, and sweet warblers chatted blithely from the foliage of long rows of stately elms.

A neat little maid in an immaculately clean white apron met him at the door and smilingly led him to a parlor on the first floor, where sat Mrs. Corey, still embroidering.

She had discarded her somber garb of black and appeared far more lovely in a girlish gown of pale blue dimity, her golden brown hair caught in heavy coils at the back of her neck and fastened by a velvet bow. Her cheeks were no longer deadly pale and sunken, but marvelously fair and tinted with the luster of the Jack roses that reposed against her breast. The faint lines beneath her eyes had disappeared—the eyes alone indicating the pre-existence of a great sorrow.

"Mabel!"

"Arthur!"

She rushed to meet him, and he, with all the exuberance of a young lad in love, kissed her brow.

She started and drew back, exclaiming: "Why, Arthur!"

"Today you are free, my little playmate," replied Maxwell in rapture. "You are free to do as you please now, and no more shall prison walls restrain you. In short, the doctors have pronounced you cured."

He laughed immoderately, but Mrs. Corey's face paled perceptibly as she gazed up into the eyes of her benefactor—her friend from earliest infancy, and replied:

"Yes, I know it. Mrs. Barnes has packed up my belongings and we are ready to go—but where?"

"To my home, all ready for its little mistress."

Her cheeks flushed painfully and almost overcome she sank down in her easy chair and covered her face with her hands.

Pitying her discomfiture, Maxwell hastened to explain by saying: "Mabel, your husband died yesterday and now you are doubly free."

"My husband—dead!" she cried in consternation.

"Yes. He had been drinking to excess ever since that terrible night at the asylum and one day while intoxicated tried to kill a porter in one of the hotels. He was locked up in jail and the same lawyer who was instrumental in having you judged insane, came to his relief as usual. At any rate, it was decided that he had committed the deed under the spell of a temporary fit of insanity and he was sent to the asylum."

"The asylum! Oh, Arthur!"

"Yes, and by a strange coincidence, he was placed in the male ward of the incurables, Room 6, Ward 3. All his past deeds surged back upon him with relentless fury as he lay in helpless isolation with no pastime afforded him but thinking over bygone days, and in a short time he became a raving maniac. The attendant says he called for his wife until they told him that she could not come to him as she too was confined to an asylum. On receiving the information he cursed and ground his teeth until the foam gathered on his lips. Gradually he sank; but at last with the superhuman exertion he elevated himself upon his arm and yelled: 'Go, take her out of her den and bring her to me! She is in Room 6, Ward 3!' he sank back in a fit from which he never recovered, and he died without a friend to soothe his pillow."

"Poor man!" cried Mabel, sobbing hysterically. "God knows I forgive him now!"

"As soon as I heard that he was in a dangerous condition, I hastened to his bedside but arrived too late, and all I could do was to give him a decent burial. Mabel, dear, do not put on widow's weeds for him, as that would be hollow mockery. You have shed these and many other priceless tears wrung from a little suffering heart on his account. We have both done our part and now let us be happy together as long as we live. Come to my home with Mrs. Barnes and when the proper time comes, I think I can convince you that all men are not brutes and that there is one, who although unworthy of you, will do his best to make you happy."

When Mrs. Barnes glanced into the parlor a few moments later, bearing a bandbox, satchel, shawl and parasol, they were in each other's arms and Mabel was weeping softly upon his shoulder—not tears of sorrow for the dead but tears of gladness for the living.

Mrs. Barnes still lives with the Maxwells, but she is preparing to make a thorough canvass of the country to interest people in the project she partially explained at the beginning of the tale, and the Federation of Woman's Clubs will hear of her later. The turning point in her career also was the little drama that terrible night in Room No. 6, Ward 3.

WOMEN AT THE PAN-AMERICAN.

The Buffalo women's clubs have recently sent out an illustrated booklet setting forth their plans for the Pan-American Exposition.

Although there is to be no distinctive woman's exhibit, as at the Columbian Exposition, the board of women managers, headed by Mrs. William Hamlin and composed of twenty-five representative women of Buffalo, will through six sub-committees, look after women's interests. The entertainment and ceremonies committee has Mrs. John Miller Horton as chairman; fine arts, Mrs. Charles Cary; education, Dr. Ida C. Bender; publicity and promotion, Mrs. Alfred G. Hauenstein; and applied arts, Mrs. Tracey C. Becker.

The Women's Administration Building will be a typical country club house, set, it is said, in a rose garden. This will be used as headquarters for social and more serious affairs of women visitors. It is two stories high, and is surrounded by a broad hospitable veranda. It contains besides the offices a series of tea rooms and a large hall, which will be employed as a reading room when not engaged by small meetings and social gatherings. Invitations have been given to two women commissioners from each state and honorary members of the board from various parts of this country and Europe, to make this house their headquarters during the exposition.

Among the organizations that have decided to meet at the exposition are the New York State Federation, which will begin its sessions the first week in October; the Federation of Women's Literary and Educational clubs of Western New York, the first week in June; the New Jersey Federation, the D. A. R. and the D. R., the Daughters of the Confederacy, the National Women's Christian Temperance Union and the National Household Economic Association.

To any one who reads this great club paper, it is needless to say that it grows in interest and value to club women with every issue; to those who do not read it, we would say that any woman who wishes to keep pace with this great movement of the day cannot bestow a dollar more profitably than in a year's subscription to the official organ of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The "Open Arena" is a new department which is likely to prove very popular.—[The Interchange, Michigan.

"ON THE MIDWAY."

The Pan-American is open and a great success; but the magnet—as with all expositions—is the Midway "Red Star Route." It has all the attractions of previous "Midways" intensified with the drawbacks minimized. With the object in view of presenting a route of wholesome fun and instruction, some of the greater enterprises have gone together in an organization called the Red Star Route, guaranteeing absolutely their entire offerings as wholesome and free from all objectionable features. The following brief descriptions of their exhibits will give the reader an idea how to do the Midway without suffering the humiliation of having been done by it.

Naturally, the first visit will be made to the electric reproduction of the Burning Mountain of the Sandwich Isles—the Volcano of Kilauea, because of its nearness to the main entrance to the Midway. Next to the volcano you visit the greater Hawaiian Village, where you will find the world renowned Native Band of Hawaii, whose national airs are delightful. In the village you see the whole modus of sugar culture, coffee handling, rice planting, rare flora and fauna, gigantic palms, and the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Islanders. Kahunas, or native priests, Kapuea, the man fish, Opu, the great diver, surf rider and shark fighter, pass. In the Hawaiian theater you see native plays by native actors, with Queen Liliuokalani's own Hulu-hulu dancing girls, who will dance this graceful measure as it is only danced before royalty. Other women will show you the hulu-pahu and the alaapa-apa dances for the first time in this country.

From all this fun, next, for the sake of patriotism, visit the great electric cyclorama, "The Battle of Mission Ridge," an enormous reproduction of the great battle between the Union and Confederate armies, which occurred Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1863.

The Filipino village, band, bolo dancers and theater is one of the genuine novelties of this great fair. It is a big colony and contains representatives from nearly all the races inhabiting the islands, ranging from cannibalism to the highest degree of civilization. Many of the women are extremely beautiful. You will see "Los Pintados," the tattooed Igorotes, a race the Spanish have never subdued, and the Sulus, the most magnificently dressed men on earth, literally shining in costly vestments, polished armor, brilliant jewels and strange weapons. In the theater you will see native plays and the great Bolo Sword Dance, danced for the first time in America. The industries of the islands, such as cultivating with water buffaloes, rope and cigaretos manufacturing, and the weaving of the beautiful pina silk, from the fiber of the pineapple.

On the Mall, the broad plaisance which passes through the center of the grounds, lies the Administration building; within its beautiful gardens you will find a handsome brick Venetian edifice, which contains the greatest wonder of all the exposition—baby culture, as practically demonstrated by the Qbata Company of London, Berlin and New York. This is a separate exhibition of infant incubators, from the London and Berlin institutes, and has for its object the saving of the unfortunate babies who have been prematurely born. Here surrounded with everything sweet and dainty you see the little cherubs, nestled in the aluminum and glass cabinet incubators, being coaxed into sturdy life by the aid of science. What woman can resist this charming sight? On the Midway, and immediately opposite the great Horticultural building, you will find the Herodian Palace, containing the sacred spectatorium, Jerusalem, and the Crucifixion of Christ.

Such is the itinerary offered in the route laid out by the Red Star Line. You have, closely linked, eight exhibitions, covering science, music, drama, physical geography, ethic study, patriotism and religion. Don't fail to "do" the Midway while you are in Buffalo.

CLUB STUDY.

Conducted by May Alden Ward.



THE Woman's Club, of Brockton, Mass., has taken up the following excellent outlines during the past club season. The first was studied in the Department of Art and Travel.

PARIS AND THE FRENCH PROVINCES.

General Topic, "Famous French Men and Women."

Papers: "Journey from Dieppe to Paris." "Glimpses of Paris and French Life"—Life on the Boulevards—Life in the Home—Life in the Latin Quarter—Its Parks and Cafés—Its Architecture—Views from an Omnibus.

General Topic, "French Artists and their Works."

Paper, "The Louvre"—Its Famous Pictures—Its Statuary—The Venus de Milo—Palais Royal and Richelieu—Tomb of Napoleon—Madame de Stael—Voltaire.

General Topic, "Current Events in France"—Notre Dame—Luxembourg—Madelaine—Fashionable Life.

Paper, "Victor Hugo"—Selection from his Works—Panthéon—Place de la Concorde—Column of July.

Paper, "French Economy."

General Topic, "Countries Represented at the Exposition and their Rulers."

Reading, "Some Picturesque Sides of the Exposition"—Champ de Mars—The Trocadéro—Old Paris.

Paper, "French Lace Making"—The Swiss Village—The Ar-Palaces.

Paper, "American Art at the Exposition"—Former Expositions.

General Topic, "Quotations from French Writers."

Paper, "A Trip by River to Sèvres, St. Cloud and Versailles"—Marie Antoinette—Characters Famous in the French Revolution—Fontainebleau and the Barbizon Painters—Père-la-chaise—Abélard and Heloise—St. Denis.

General Topic, "Current Events in France"—Orleans and Joan of Arc.

Paper, "French Chateaux"—Blois—Chambord—Tours—Balzac.

Reading from Balzac—Amboise, Catherine de Medici—Chenonceaux—Diane de Poitiers.

General Topic, "French Writers"—The Norman Peasant—Rouen.

Paper, "Stained Glass"—Caen—Charlotte Corday—Amiens—Bayeux Tapestry—Mont St. Michel.

Paper, "Norman and Gothic Architecture"—What American Women can Learn from their French Sisters.

General Topic, "Current Events in France."

Paper, "The Province of Brittany"—Costume of the Breton Peasant—Peculiarities of the Language—Customs—Legends of Brittany. Madam de Sevigné—Summer Resorts—The Finistere Coast.

Paper, "Childhood in France."

The Department of Literature and History took up Representative Movements in English Literature.

(a) POETRY.

I. Epic, Narrative, Allegorical and Romantic: "Beowulf;" Chaucer; Spenser; Milton; Dryden; Pope; Goldsmith; Wordsworth and Coleridge; Scott; Byron; Tennyson; Browning; Matthew Arnold.

II. Dramatic: Miracle Plays; Moralities; Interludes; Nicholas Udall, the author of the first real English comedy

Christopher Marlowe, the creator of the English tragic drama—Shakespeare, the master of the drama; Jonson, and other dramatists contemporary with Shakespeare; the so-called Comic Dramatists of the Restoration; Goldsmith; Sheridan; Tennyson. The prevailing tendency to dramatize popular novels.

III. Lyric: English Gleemen; Norman Minstrels; Ballads of England and Scotland; Wyatt and Surrey; Lyrics of Elizabethan Dramatists; Milton; Herrick; Crashaw, Herbert; Lovelace; Suckling; Quarles; Gray, Collins; Blake; Burns; Wordsworth and Coleridge; Scott; Shelley; Keats; Tennyson; Browning; Kipling.

(b) POETRY AND PROSE.

IV. "The Growth of the English Romantic Movement during the Eighteenth Century." For this course see W. L. Phelps's "Beginnings of the English Romantic Movement," and C. W. Ayer's condensation of the work.

(c) PROSE.

V. The Development of the Novel of Domestic Life. "The de Coverley Papers, the fore-runner of the great English Novels." Richardson, Fielding, Smollett, Sterne and Goldsmith gave the world a new form of fiction, showing average every-day humanity, but invested with an added interest and dignity by its translation into art. In a century and a half this form of fiction has grown to astonishing proportions. "How to Study Fiction," and "Journeys in Fiction," two little pamphlets by Alfred M. Hitchcock, are safe and profitable guides for this course.

SUGGESTIONS.

In each topic, except IV. and V., there is a thread running from pre-Chaucerian days to the present time. A brief retrospect of the spirit of the spirit of romance and fiction will furnish the same thread for IV. and V.

The study of contemporaneous history was carried on simultaneously with each topic.

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I find the magazine indispensable as a helper in club work and hope to receive help continually from it. I am in a way now to visit and write to many clubs in our state and find most down-to-date clubs read the CLUB WOMAN.

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Sec. Ed. Com., M. F. W. C.

UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS 1812.



Wisconsin has become an organized state under the title "National Society of United States Daughters of 1812—Wisconsin."

Date of organization Jan. 24, 1901. Six officers.

President, Mrs. James McAlpin, 3700 Grand avenue, Milwaukee.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Lawrence Woodruff Halsey.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Charles Catlin.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton Danen.

Corresponding Secretary and Registrar, Miss Mary Beekman Sabin.

Auditor, Mrs. Isaac P. Tichner.

The society has already held two meetings, the organization meeting on January 24 and a second meeting on February 22, when the president made a gift of a flag to this state. Many applicants are reported as waiting admission.

MRS. WM. GERRY SLADE,
President National.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. ELIZA WALFORD HALL.

But few lives make themselves felt as potently as did Mrs. Hall's. It is hard to realize that the abundant energy, the active mind and the generous heart are stilled forever, and that she will be seen no more in her accustomed places. Her personality was so strong, her interests so intense, her perceptions so vivid, her will so vitalizing, that her individuality reached out in countless directions. One of the organizers of the National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812, and its state president in Pennsylvania, she was also the local regent of the Keystone Chapter in her own city, Harrisburg. The chapter was organized and brought to its present prosperous condition solely through her instrumentality. Beautiful enameled badges, keystones in blue and gold, are worn by the charter members of the society and were her generous gift to them. An active worker in all of Harrisburg's prominent benevolences, she was also a bountiful dispenser of private charity. The many organizations with which she was connected will feel her loss keenly, and many poor families will miss very bitterly the one to whom they were wont to turn for certain succor.

Wealth is not always allied with liberality, but in her case the two were indissolubly united. Possessed of great executive ability her mind was full of generous plans for the future, and many of these plans looked toward the growth of the Society of 1812.

But recently elected as Pennsylvania State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, she appreciated keenly the great honor thus conferred upon her; none who knew her, however, doubted her ability to be equal to any exigencies that might arise.

Her liberality and boundless hospitality were known even beyond the wide circle of her acquaintances. She was appealed to on all occasions for advice and practical assistance, and none ever asked in vain.

On those bound to her by the closest ties of love and kinship there rests a weight of sorrow which no mortal power can help assuage. Their only possible comfort lies in the knowledge that He who has called her from them is eternal love and tenderness, so with her it must be well, but those who knew her cannot but long for her warm-hearted encouragement, her tactful aid and her unfailing loyalty.

The faith which is a higher knowledge than mere intellectual acquirement says that the All-Father knoweth what is best. In that belief her friends rest.

MABEL CRONISE JONES,
Secretary Keystone Chapter U. S. D. 1812.

Resolutions of appreciation and sympathy have been sent from the National Society and from every state organization. All are in grief and realize the great loss.

MRS. WILLIAM GERRY SLADE,
President National.

The National Society of United States Daughters of 1812, state of New York, have given two entertainments for the benefit of their patriotic work since last report. The first was a bazaar, the second a euchre. The bazaar was held at the Hotel Majestic on March 20, 21 and 22, and only a severe storm prevented its being a grand success, socially and financially. The articles that remained at the close of the bazaar were disposed of at the euchre of April 19, when each purchaser of a ticket received one of these as a prize and the game was made the social feature of the afternoon.

On May 28, this society unveiled the tablet which it is putting up in the Post Chapel at West Point, in honor of the officers, soldiers and sailors who served our country in the war of 1812. Exercises appropriate to the occasion took place at noon, after which luncheon was served and the company visited the various buildings under a competent guide. Mrs. John Tennant Van Sickle, one of the directors and president of the National Society of New England Women, had this affair in charge. June 18, the anniversary of the declaration of this war, will be the closing affair of the season, and will consist of a lawn fete tendered to the society by Mrs. Howard M. Nesmith, at her country place on Long Island. Carriages will be provided to take the party to the house from the boat, adding the feature of a delightful drive to the occasion. Mrs. Allen T. Nye, first vice-president of the society, will be the chairman for this entertainment. SOPHIE E. RING, E. M. H. SLADE, President. Historian.

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND WOMEN.



THE last month of active work has passed for this season in the Parent Society, but there will be much of interest during the summer months in the way of the formation of branches, conventions at the Pan-American and so on. The society prospered finely under Mrs. Shepard's judicious and practical leadership. Plans not impulses have characterized her administration and her unwavering determination to promote and sustain true New England principles has reflected great credit on her and given satisfaction to all.

Two great achievements may be attributed to her management, viz: The organization of branch societies, which, as the name of the society indicates, is an aim, and the establishment of a permanent fund for society members who may be in need of financial aid. This highly meritorious work was not completed until the last business meeting and is now for the first time made public. It is to the effect that \$500 be appropriated from the general surplus fund and paid into this relief fund which will be kept up by 20 per cent of the gross amount of annual dues. This fund is to be disbursed in accordance with the rules of an Advisory Board comprising the president and ex-presidents. Their rules are strict and practical as becomes philanthropic club work, and their proceedings are confidential concerning names of those receiving aid.

The Philanthropic Department the past year has also disbursed over \$600 to deserving and needy New England women, beside placing a member in the Chapin Home, a well-known institution for indigent women of high degree.

The next issue of CLUB WOMAN will deal more particularly with branch work which is progressing favorably.

A slight error occurred in the April edition regarding the list of officers, the correction of which is as follows: First vice-president, Mrs. William C. Demorest; second vice-president, Mrs. Philip Carpenter.

One of the most pleasing and profitable entertainments of the season was an Author's Reading for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund, in which Cleveland Moffett and Irving Bacheller gave their services. Mr. Moffett's great success was an unpublished one-act play entitled "A Lesson for Wives," which included three characters, the husband who is permitting the wife's divorce, the wife, and the actress who has been the husband's consolation. The pithiness of advice from the actress to the wife whom she had feigned to mistake for the husband's stenographer, brought great applause. Also Mr. Moffett's "Ten Commandments to Wives," which he subsequently gave and from which I quote the following: "Thou shalt not patronize thy husband, because thou knowest a little bad French." "Scorn not thy husband if he be not clever. Perchance had he been so, he would not have married thee." "Take not unfair advantage of thy husband by weeping at him unawares; remember he cannot weep back at thee."

Mr. Bacheller gave selections from "Eben Holden" adding a new stanza to Jed Feary's poem to Bill Brewer:

"There's a many big departments in the ancient school o' God
An' ye keep right on a-larnin' 'till ye go beneath the sod.
All the books an' apparaytus, all the wisdom o' the seers,
Will be jest a preparation for the study o' the years."

"Tea and sandwiches" and a reception followed; the president, Mrs. Shepard, presided and on the platform with her sat Mrs. Van Sickle, who will succeed to the presidency next year, and Mrs. Coe, the ex-president, under whose management the scholarship was established.

"Literary Day Entertainment," during Holy Week, was made apropos of the date, and comprised a stereopticon lecture on Oberammergau by Mrs. E. Moffett Tyng. The speaker was deeply in sentiment with the subject, and rendered it most satisfactorily from a religious, historical and artistic standpoint. E. M. L.,

Secretary Press Committee, N. S. N. E. W.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN WORKERS.

The fourth national convention of clubs belonging to the National League of Women Workers will be held at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo August 27, 28, 29, 30. Delegates to this meeting will be authorized to act for the five recognized associations of working women's clubs—Connecticut, Long Island, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. Representatives from other societies will be cordially welcomed at the different sessions, although provision for board and railroad tickets at reduced rates can be made only for clubs belonging to the associations.

It is proposed to hold three morning sessions from 9:30 to 12, followed by an early lunch, so that delegates can spend the remainder of the day at the exposition. There will be one public evening meeting. One other day will be spent at Niagara, when special arrangements and rates will be procured for members of our clubs.

The program will deal almost entirely with club problems. The chairman of the committee is Miss Charlotte Wilkinson, 807 James street, Syracuse, N. Y.

I congratulate you on publishing a magazine which is just what we want and which any woman who pays dues to a society should have.

E. M. H. SLADE,
President-General, U S Daughters 1812.

OPEN PARLIAMENT.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox.

[Questions for this department should be sent to 21 Bagley avenue, Detroit, Mich.]



WHAT do you consider the better form after the minutes are read, "Are there any corrections to the minutes as read?" or, "Are there any objections to the minutes as read?" or is there a still better way?

After minutes are read, the form I prefer is, "You have heard the minutes. Are there any corrections?" After a moment's pause, add, "If not, they stand approved as read. They are approved." Of course if motions are made making corrections the form would be, "They are approved as corrected."

After the report of a committee is read should the motion be to adopt, receive or accept, and are the terms synonymous?

Receive and adopt are never considered synonymous terms. According to some parliamentarians accept and adopt are synonymous, but I prefer to make a distinction and use the two words in their ordinary sense. To receive the report of a committee is to give it a hearing; to accept it, after the report is read, is to declare the work of the committee satisfactory to the assembly; to adopt it is to agree to the recommendations it contains. There should be more discrimination than we generally find in the motions which are made with reference to reports of committees. In every case the mover should first know what he would like to have done with the report and make a motion accordingly instead of making a motion which is merely a set phrase. The old English custom was to always have a motion that the report be received. Such a motion, if carried, does not in any way commit the assembly to the recommendations contained in the report. Our modern American custom is to receive the report as a matter of course, when reports of committees are in order, and the report is presented, unless there is a motion to postpone the consideration of the report, therefore a motion to receive a report is very seldom heard at the present time. The motion to adopt a report, all parliamentarians agree, if carried, commits the assembly to the recommendations contained in the report. This often leads to confusion when the report contains several recommendations which the assembly may wish to dispose of in a different manner. I therefore recommend that the report be received either with or without a formal motion to that effect, and that the recommendations contained in the report be afterward acted upon. This plan makes it very easy to adopt one recommendation, amend and adopt another, refer another back to the committee, postpone the further consideration of another, etc., etc., as may be desired.

We have at last done away with the committee to nominate officers, and at the annual meeting when one person receives a majority of votes cast she is declared elected. Do you think this a good plan?

There is no doubt but that your experience will prove it to be a wise plan.

Is it according to parliamentary law, to have an informal ballot instead of nominating from the floor?

The president has no right to refuse nominations from the floor. An informal ballot may be taken by way of making nominations, but if upon an informal ballot one person receives the necessary number of votes to constitute an election, the courts

have decided that he is elected, thus virtually declaring there is no such thing as an informal ballot.

Our constitution reads: The president shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for. Is a motion in order to the effect that a member be appointed chairman of a committee with power to choose the rest of the committee?

Such a motion is not in violation of the constitution.

Can a presiding officer deviate from the adopted by-laws of the society?

Most certainly not.

When can the previous question be moved?

Whenever a debatable motion is under consideration.

CURRENT EVENTS.



THE date for King Edward's coronation has been fixed for June, 1902.

Dr. Wm. P. Brooks, professor of astronomy in Hobart College, and director of Smith Observatory, considers Mars inhabitable.

Vienna has a law prohibiting the wearing of long skirts in the street. In the "interests of health and cleanliness," the law says, but women ignore it. Club women to the rescue.

The Florida Legislature has passed a bill making insanity a cause for divorce. It would be interesting to know how many wives are there already wrongfully incarcerated in private asylums.

Colorado has eight women treasurers of cities in that state.

Paderewski has written an opera. He calls it "Manru." There is no truth in the report that he intends to buy a hair brush with the proceeds.

Chicago's committee of ministers report favorably regarding the abolition of the canteen law. Army officers say the other thing, but the committee based its report on statistics.

Now that the public is beginning [to realize that there is gold underground at Washington, D. C., it remains to be seen whether miners will work for it, or whether borers for office will continue to seek sinecures.

The Nathan Hale schoolhouse in New London, Conn., has been moved to the cemetery and will be renovated and formally opened June 17. A schoolhouse in a cemetery seems odd, but if it's needed there let us have it by all means.

A Frenchman has left property to the city of Rome on the condition that \$20,000 be given as a marriage gift to the two people who after a medical examination shall be pronounced most fit to marry with a view to improving the race physically.

The Spanish Claims Commission has had presented claims for damages incident on the blowing up of the Maine. This will open up interesting questions which had partially been stilled, and perhaps at this date, unbiassed opinions and bare facts may get a hearing.

There comes a feeling that the fire in Jacksonville, Fla., seems harder to bear than the earlier big fires, and yet there is no reason for it. One thing is certain; those who remember the civil war will now realize that we are one country still. There is no sectionalism in the face of a great calamity.

Everybody will be interested in the fact given by the Kansas City "Journal" that John T. Widener of Topeka, has in his possession six solid silver tablespoons, a solid silver soup ladle and a pocketbook, which once belonged to George Washington. The spoons and ladle are engraved with Washington's initials, and the pocketbook has his monogram on the cover. They were presented by Washington to a great granduncle of the present owner.

General Chaffee and his troops are soon to leave China. This emphasizes a fact which the world was slow to apprehend from our action after the Spanish war. It is that the United States has a distinct policy of self-respecting forbearance quite removed from the war for conquest of most European powers. We are fast becoming a power whose opinion will demand the respect which belligerent nations are not wont to accord a "little feller."

Rev. J. G. Griffith, of Williamsport, Pa., puts himself on record as believing that "athletics are immoral." Things are getting a little mixed in our colleges. Unworldly parents are denying themselves in order to send their sons to college to "get an education," as old-fashioned people still call it. But the present generation knows that he goes to learn baseball, to practice rowing and rush football, in addition to smashing freshmen's hats, stealing signs and defacing statues. Times have changed. F. H. H.

BOOKS.



CLUB women in all parts of the country, and especially in Colorado and the West, will be greatly interested in the appearance of a new novel from the pen of Ellis Meredith, recent editor of the "Western Club Woman" and a well known writer on sociological subjects. "The Master-Knot of Human Fate" is a remarkable book, and we predict a great sale for it. It is a novel with a problem, but unlike many problem stories it is fascinating from cover to cover and the riddle in which it deals is as baffling as Frank Stockton's "The Lady or the Tiger." There are but two characters in the book, a man and a woman. Isolated by a terrible fate from all other human kind, yet their conversations are as brilliant and sparkling and as full of meat as though there were a whole drawing-room full of characters with several sociological students included. The book opens with a fine description of a convulsion of nature, which has obliterated under water the whole Eastern coast of America and isolated a man and a woman from the rest of the world on a high ridge of the Rockies. They had been out on a day's ramble along one of the lonely trails. As they turn to go home in the moonlight a strange tempest shakes the air, and when they watch the plain below them they see all the lights of a distant city suddenly go out. In terror and tumult the world is changed about them, and when the morning comes they find a foaming sea all around the base of the hill. Looking at each other's faces they realize that they are locked in together high up in their mountain prison. The woman is world-weary. It is hinted that she has known the perfidy of man. Her companion, however, is an ambitious idealist, eager to study human problems. They come upon a log cabin whose owner had evidently gone down to the city the day before. It is fairly well provisioned, and there is some live

stock about the place, and Adam soon sets to work to supply deficiencies and farm their little domain. Various fairy gifts turn up—a violin, a box of books, some woman's garments, and near the last chapter some—baby clothes!

But whether these are ever to be used is one of the problems of the book. Of course, before this question has been reached, many other questions have had to be considered; and Adam and Robin take a year to settle them in their conversations at evening when the day's work is done. There are touches of gentle humor, in which love is developed in these two hearts, and when love at last will be denied no longer comes the question—for these very modern people—is it right for them to love, with all the responsibility love implies? If they are the last two human beings left alive upon the planet—is it right to start the human race again, to start it upon its old round of labor and sorrow? How they argue the point, and how they answer the question, it will be quite worth while to find out. The author has a finished literary style and the power to hold her readers enchanted from beginning to end. There is not a dry page in the book, nor one which can be skipped and when one lays the book down leaving the unguessed riddle suspended in the air, it will be only to have the story haunt her for weeks afterwards. The scene of the story is Crystal Park, near Manitou and Colorado Springs. There is the charm of the great glowing, wonderful West in the story, a field which is destined to become the most popular one in American fiction. The book has been beautifully brought out by Little, Brown & Co., of Boston, and may be obtained at any book-store. Price, \$1.25.

"The Making of Christopher Ferringham," is the title of another of the stirring historical romances which Miss Beulah Marie Dix is writing. It may well be called a rattling good story. Miss Dix's work is skillful—delicate where delicacy is required and robust where there are deeds of strength and daring. The book gives pleasure in the reading of it and remains in the memory. Old times, old skies and old ideals win us with their charm to a historical knowledge far beyond statistics. There is plenty of fight in the tale; one, in the hold of a pirate ship. There is plenty of love too, and always plenty of action. Miss Dix has a great future before her, if, indeed, she has not already "arrived." New York. McMillan & Co. Price, \$1.50.

"Nazareth or Tarsus?" is a peculiar story by an unknown author who assails Paul and many of his teachings, claiming that the Pauline doctrines are at variance with the true gospel, in fact are the products of a mind warped by earlier excesses and verging on insanity. Selections from the epistles of Paul are contrasted with the writings of the evangelists and the teachings of Peter. It will have great interest for all who are fond of theological study and speculation. New York. J. S. Ogilvie & Co. Price, \$1.

"Milly" by Maurice Thompson is thought by some to be the best of that lamented writer's work. "Milly" is the heroine and the story is of lovemaking, interwoven with tragedy, heartache, quaint dialect and the everyday life of plain mountain folk. Born of unfamiliarity with a world outside of her father's rambling cabin, she had that shyness which made her the sweet innocent girl. The book is well worth reading. New York. The New Amsterdam Book Co. Price, \$1.50.

"The Islander," by Harrison Robertson, formerly managing editor of the Louisville "Courier-Journal," is a story of dramatic action and great strength. It is intensely dramatic with a charming love story. It is strong, coherent, healthy, logical from every point of view. This book will be notable among the books of the summer and will have many readers. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons. Price, \$1.50.

"In the Name of a Woman," by Arthur W. Marchmont, is a stirring romance of the Bulgarian capital, but many of the incidents are historically accurate. The hero is the son of an Englishman, but of a Roumanian mother, and is, in consequence, chosen by the British government to visit the Bulgarian capital, to watch the intrigues of the Russian agents. The heroine is the charming Princess Christina, about whom most of the story revolves. It is a dashing, absorbing tale, of the kind which keeps one up till all hours to read through. New York. Frederick A. Stokes Co. Price, \$1.50.

"Some Ill-Used Words," by Alfred Ayres, is a book with a mission. And this is to correct some errors that are often made in the written and spoken word. Examples of what it aims to eradicate are the misuse of the auxiliary verbs and of some words, such as anticipate, anxious, financial and hurry. The book is convenient in size and contains a great deal that is worth knowing. One is sure to gain something from every paragraph. It is published by D. Appleton & Co., New York. Price, \$1.

"The Helmet of Navarre" is, as we have said before, the best all-round piece of historical fiction we have ever read from the pen of an American. When we reflect that this particular writer is a very young woman who has never been in France and therefore borrowed her "local color" as well as her facts from printed histories and a wonderful, fresh, vivid imagination our wonder at Miss Runkle's accomplishment is still greater. The time is in the reign of King Henry IV. The principal characters are his loyal followers and his deadly enemies, and the book is full of action, life and absorbing interest. Read it and you will agree that no ordinary adjective of compliment is strong enough for it. New York. The Century Co. Price, \$1.50.

"The Sentimentalists," by Arthur Stanwood Pier, is the second in the stories of American life which Harper & Bros. are publishing, and if they all prove as good as this the new firm of Harpers will distinguish themselves in this field. The purpose of this series of novels is to picture the social life of our own country in fiction and to gather together in a series those new books by new authors which seem to the publishers to be worthy to stand as interesting pictures of American life. "The Sentimentalists" is a novel of contemporary social life in Boston and Missouri; a love story from beginning to end; a story of incident wherein the characters live, especially the character of Mrs. Kent who, in her way, is as interesting and unique as Becky Sharp. And in some ways the character is better, for with all her faults the reader is forced to admire and pity Mrs. Kent. The Boston atmosphere and the dreariness of the Southwestern town are drawn with fine skill. The book is a success. New York. Harper & Bros. Price, \$1.50.

Two recent additions to "The Town and Country Library" are "A Royal Exchange," by J. MacLaren Coffan, and "The Mystery of the Clapsed Hands," by Guy Boothby. Both are English stories and will be found quite up to the high average which has established the reputation of this set of books. The last-named is a detective story, and no reader will relinquish this romance until the mystery is solved. Mr. Boothby is a master of suspended interest and the development of his exciting story to its climax forms a most thrilling illustration of the possibilities of romance in modern life. New York. D. Appleton & Co. Price, 50 cents. Paper.

"God's Puppets," by Imogen Clark, is another fine story with an atmosphere of human nature that goes straight to the heart. There is no character in fiction or in fact which can appeal more irresistibly to the human heart than this simple, unsophisticated, early little Dutch beauty, Annetje. It is a story of Dutch New

York in the eighteenth century, which gives us an insight into the social atmosphere of that era and is full of interest from cover to cover. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons. Price, \$1.50.

"Greek Sculpture," by Estelle M. Hurl, is another of the valuable Riverside art series published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston. Here are collected sixteen examples of the best and most characteristic Greek marbles and told in simple style the story of each and of its maker. There is also valuable introductory matter most useful for further investigation. The reproductions from the best obtainable photographs taken direct from the originals will be made with the same care in engraving and printing as has characterized the illustrations in other volumes of the series. The price of the "Greek Sculpture" is in the School Edition, 30 cents for the paper bound form and 40 cents for the cloth bound book.

"First Aid to the Injured" is a little handbook that ought to be in every household and committed to memory by every mother. The instruction is practical and plain, simply told and easily applied. So long as this book may be had for 40 cents, one need not fear the accidents which will happen in every family. New York. MacMillan Co.

"The Wizard's Knot" is a new novel from the pen of William Barry, whose "The Two Standards" was a success of two years ago, is a thrilling picture of the Ireland of fifty years ago. Dr. Barry is a Catholic clergyman and a man of the world, and in this novel a designing mother and a strong-willed son are made to play at cross purposes, the plot involving a remarkable contrast of types. The book teems with adventure and incident, and the servility of the peasants and the domination of the Irish landlords is brought out in strong colors. New York. The Century Co. Price, \$1.50.

"Her Mountain Lover" by Hamlin Garland should be read by everybody, and especially by those who love the West. It gives a splendid picture of the broad, free life of Colorado, and yet so well-balanced, that even when the scene shifts to London and the hero stands out in picturesque contrast to the habits of Mayfair, the figures never get out of drawing. There is a double love-motif, but the charm of the romance lies largely in his breezy character and humorous speech. Jim the hero, is a true type and an admirable character. New York. The Century Co. Price, \$1.50.

"Truth Dexter" by Sidney McCall is a delightfully told, fresh and interesting story of today. It is thoroughly modern; it has a well-defined atmosphere (Southern and Northern); it has a love story which grips the heart, and it has some pages noteworthy for dramatic intensity. From cover to cover the story is vital in its grasp of strong situations and in its presentation of life. It is easily one of the best novels of the year. Boston. Little, Brown & Co. Price, 1.50.

"The Octopus," by Frank Norris, is a remarkable story, dealing with trusts and the great questions therein involved. The scene is laid in California, and although not lacking the romantic element it has a deeper and more immediate interest in its discussion of trusts and their relation to the American people. Mr. Norris has chosen a subject in which Americans are sincerely and profoundly interested, and his exposition of an actual contest between the wheat growers of San Joaquin valley and the railroad is virile and masterly. "The Octopus" is a book which will create a profound sensation among the reading public. We understand that it will be followed by other great novels dealing with the foremost issues of the day. New York. Doubleday, Page & Co. Price, \$1.50.

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GENERAL FEDERATION NEWS.



The new directory of clubs for 1901 is out and the list is most gratifying. It gives a membership of thirty-seven State Federations, seven foreign clubs and six hundred and twenty-two home clubs, including those in Hawaii and Alaska. Fifty states and territories are represented and forty-eight of these have federation secretaries. There are twenty-one honorary members in foreign countries, four honorary vice presidents and one honorary president—Mrs. Henrotin. Copies may be obtained (price 10 cents) of the 'secretary, Mrs. Kendrick, 3507 Baring street, Philadelphia.

The art committee's new circular is out and is a fine summary of suggestion and accomplishment. It will be published entire in an early number of the CLUB WOMAN.

STATE FEDERATION NEWS.

ALABAMA.



THE most important movement with which the club women of Alabama have been associated during the past winter is the campaign against child labor in the factories. Our state is just beginning its industrial career. During the last five or ten years cotton factories have been started up all over the state. It is only recently that we women have realized what this means without proper protective legislation for the children. It means that little tots go into the mills at seven or eight years of age and work there for twelve hours a day, and where the mills are trying the old experiment of night work, twelve hours at night. According to statistics recently collected by Miss Irene M. Ashby, of England, who spent three months in the South, there are already twelve hundred children in Alabama, under twelve years of age, working in the mills. Miss Ashby, who has taken a deep interest in the industrial problems affecting women and children in both the old and new world, was here with the object of studying the child labor problem and advocating the Child Labor Bill before the Legislature. These little ones stand before the spinning frame or run with trucks seventeen or eighteen miles a day; and little mites can be seen with brooms bigger than themselves sweeping the dust that never grows any less. All the advantages of the new industry are thus denied these poor little mill slaves, for of what use to them are schools, libraries and churches, when their bodies and minds are exhausted by sixty-six hours a week of monotonous toil. It seems incredible that our beautiful state should be willing to go through the long and bitter lesson of the English and Northern mills, learning only by experience the disastrous effect upon our people, of allowing little children into the mills. It is a question for every woman in America to take up. The condition in our own mills to which we have been startlingly awakened has made us realize what the fight means which is being carried on by the club women of Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas where this evil has grown appallingly.

We are in hopes that by our taking it up at this stage we may be able to prevent its growing to those proportions, and we want the help and sympathy of the whole Federation of Clubs. The children in the mills are Southern, it is true, but it is to us a sad and startling revelation that the stockholders in these mills are largely Northern. We cannot believe that our Northern sisters would willingly allow their money to be gained through the destruction of our children, nor to acquiesce in permitting capitalists whose own fellow citizens are being educated up to fourteen and are protected in every way by legislation, to deliberately induce our people to allow their children to work thus to the detriment of their health.

Of the twenty-five mills in Alabama recently visited, ten were run with Northern capital, and these employ twice as many children under twelve as the thirteen run by Southern capital. Of what use are the excellent factory laws of Massachusetts, recently so ably analyzed by Dr. Sophia S. Whittelsy, if the very corporations which they were designed to muzzle take their money and their mills to cheapen labor and destroy the future working people of the South?

The women's clubs of Alabama backed a bill introduced into our late Legislature, and Mrs. Zac. Smith, president of the Woman's Club, and Mrs. Robert Cunningham, of Birmingham, went to Montgomery in its behalf, and the latter made a very effective speech before the committee. We realized too late to do anything at this time that the capitalists would not fail to use every kind of political corruption and intimidation to prevent the passage of the law in Alabama, for should it pass in Alabama, where it would do the least harm to the industry, since only about 7 per cent of the operatives are under twelve, it would be but the beginning of the end of child labor in the South.

A number of other organizations were interested with us and arrangements have now been made to concentrate the efforts of all those who are determined that this iniquity shall no longer remain in our midst. A committee has been formed at Montgomery, of which Rev. Edgar Gardner Murphy is the chairman. He will be glad to answer inquiries on the subject and to receive suggestions and offers of help from any clubs anywhere in America. We are also hoping to make arrangements to get into working touch with the agitation in other states so that we may get the same law presented before the different Legislatures. Not only will this save a great deal of cross work but it will insure that the law, however elementary at first, shall be efficient, for as Dr. Whittelsy points out in the treatise on factory legislation in Massachusetts, valuable years were wasted by the carelessness with which yearly child labor laws were drawn up.

We have no political game to play and no financial interests at stake, but simply as women we cannot stand by and see helpless little children destroyed by the inexorable law of supply and demand. Men immersed in business and occupied with the daily struggle for existence are apt to overlook the human side of the material called labor. We women as onlookers are able to see most of the game and also to bring to the consideration of these problems mature minds and quick sympathies which have not been blunted by the exigencies of "getting on." It is therefore doubly our responsibility to see to it that the children are not made into mere political and commercial dice, but have at least a few years in which to develop physically, morally and mentally. Along with

the question of prohibition of child labor, we Alabama women have taken up that of compulsory education. Our people whom we have known have been so eager for education that any sort of compulsion has not seemed necessary and the present industrial development is astonishing us by the number of ignorant people it reveals. It is not only our negroes who serve to make us the third state in illiteracy, but those poor whites who for long years have lived scattered through our hills and dales, who are now being gathered together into the mill centers. Having no education themselves, they do not know the value of it for their children and are yielding to the temptation to make their little ones simply the means of gaining 10 cents or 20 cents a day. Meanwhile the state provides free education for three or four months and it seems only an act of justice both to the tax payers and to the little ones themselves to see that these children, who are the very ones for whom the public school system is intended, should have at least sixty days of that instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic. The compulsory education bill, introduced by our friends in the Legislature, failed this time, but quite a good deal of interest was excited by it and we are hoping to see it go through at our next Legislature.

Miss Irene M. Ashby, of London, England, was of incalculable assistance to us in planning and carrying out our campaign for the little ones. The women of Alabama have determined to spare neither time nor energy to secure these two measures and we ask the women of other Southern states to co-operate with us and most earnestly do we hope that club women all over the country will aid us in every possible way.

MRS. ZAC. SMITH.
Birmingham, Ala.

ARKANSAS.

The fourth annual convention of Women's Clubs of Arkansas held at Pine Bluff, April 17, 18 and 19, was the most enthusiastic one ever held. The attendance was large, and the delegates vied with each other in saying clever things. The program was carried out with a spontaneity unparalleled in the Federation's history.

The Federation convened at 10.30 A. M., April 17, at the Merrill Institute.

Mrs. Frederick Hanger, of Little Rock, the president, presided at each session of the convention. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. D. Buckner, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church. Mrs. J. H. Hinemon delivered the address of welcome, the response being by Mrs. Helen M. Norton.

After the roll call, Mrs. Hanger submitted her report as president of the clubs, and briefly outlined the progress of clubdom in Arkansas. Among other good things she said: "This is our Federation Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, Washington's Birthday and Fourth of July crowded into one composite celebration. We have so much that has been done to talk over, and so much to plan for the future, and so little time in which to do all this, that I cannot with any conscience do more than make a brief report. Our Federation has more than doubled in the last two years, thirty clubs were taken into the Federation fold last year and twelve this. The remote villages have been overtaken by the club epidemic, and the forming of new clubs is among the most encouraging features of our work, for, like Alexander of old, the Federation has conquered all the known club world, and wept and yearned, or literally speaking, worked, wrote and talked for more club territory.

"There are many clubs just budding into existence that will soon blossom out into the Federation with all the fervor of the newly-fledged. Those clubs of long-standing that ask: 'How can we keep up our interest year after year, and how can we avoid the dead sea of neutral nothingness?' will find a happy answer in a

wide sympathy and work for the betterment of the community in which they live. The clubs should be for practical work and a radiation of usefulness, and not for self centralization. Clubs should keep out of ruts. It is better to bump over the rough places of new experiences than to drop into doleful depths and tiresome monotony. Remember that every organization that is a good square club has more than one corner. There may be cliques and clans. They should all be interested. The successful club leader is one who can recognize club ability in her dearest foe. Do not make your club meetings too serious a thing. Let good fellowship days run riot through the year, and never miss one of them. Have shorter programs with more talk, fewer papers and more practical work to report. It is a fine and elevating thing to take club trips down into Egypt or over into Macedonia, but do not forget your town needs a library and that it will probably never have one if your club women do not set the ball rolling and the books gathering. Let every club do its best in its chosen calling. What applies to the individual club applies also to the Federation, which is a permanent organization of clubs. If it grows in grace and good works the clubs must be earnest, energetic and loyal."

Fraternal greetings were read from the Daughters of the Confederacy, National Federation of Music Clubs, National Society of Colonial Dames, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

A resolution by Mrs. T. T. Cotnam, of Little Rock, was adopted to the effect that the Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs declares itself favorable to any amendment to the by-laws of the G. F. W. C. that will require a race qualification for membership and the action of the Arkansas delegation in signing the resolution presented to the executive board of the G. F. W. C. on the color question, was heartily endorsed.

An invitation by Fort Smith clubs to meet in that city next year prevailed.

An invitation by Superintendent J. H. Hinemon to visit the city schools was accepted.

Mrs. E. B. Kinsworthy, on behalf of the officials of the State University, of Fayetteville, presented the Federation with a new gavel, which was made at the university especially for the Federation.

The program for the convention was admirably planned and handsomely carried out. In addition to the reports and other regular business there were some fine discussions and addresses. Among these were:

The debate, Resolved, That Woman is a Necessary Factor in Municipal Affairs. Affirmative, Mrs. Arthur Jones; negative, Mrs. T. W. M. Boone.

General discussion of Club Achievements, (a) "Department Clubs." Leader, Mrs. J. W. Meeks. (b) "Study Clubs." Leader, Mrs. J. M. Prewett. (c) "Club Reforms." Leader, Miss McBride. (d) "Club Press Correspondents." Leader, Mrs. F. M. Williams.

Debate, Resolved, That the Church is Influenced for Good by the Club. Affirmative, Mrs. R. B. Willis; negative, Mrs. E. A. Bolton.

Paper, "Women and Worry," Mrs. Maude Phillips. Libraries as Educational and Moral Factors. How May They be Established and Maintained? Leaders, Mrs. C. E. Swindell and Mrs. Francena Sutton.

Paper, "The Education of a Club Woman," Mrs. W. H. Grider. General discussion, The Fourth Annual Meeting of the A. F. W. C.; Its Faults and Its Virtues.

The newly elected officers are:

President, Mrs. N. B. Trulock, Pine Bluff.

First vice-president, Mrs. Wm. M. Neal, of Helena.

Second vice-president, Mrs. Phillip D. Scott, Van Buren.

Recording secretary, Mrs. P. P. Dowdy, Searcy.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Hot Springs.

Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas H. Barnes, Fort Smith.

Auditor, Mrs. Joseph Frauenthal, Conway.

Directors, Mrs. Frederick Hanger, Little Rock; Mrs. Helen M. Norton, Little Rock; Mrs. C. E. Swindell, Texarkana; Mrs. J. M. Prewitt, Forest City.

CALIFORNIA.

One of the handsomest year books we have seen is the new one just issued by the California Federation. It contains much needed information concerning this young but vigorous State Federation, now only a little more than a year old, being organized in Los Angeles in January, 1900.

The Federation numbers seventy-one clubs, with a membership of 6380. The general officers are: President, Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, Pasadena; vice-president at large, Mrs. Lovell White, San Francisco; recording secretary, Mrs. I. Lowenberg, San Francisco; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. W. Stilson, Los Angeles; Treasurer, Mrs. Solomon Jewett, Bakersfield.

The state is divided into six districts, which are designated as the northern, San Francisco, Alameda, San Joaquin, Los Angeles and San Diego districts. The vice-presidents are chosen to represent each district and are: Mrs. Herbert E. Coil, Woodland; Mrs. Louis Weinman, Alameda; Mrs. Ronald P. Gleason, Oakland; Mrs. R. H. Stevens, Bakersfield; Mrs. C. N. Flint, Los Angeles and Mrs. Estelle Langworthy, of San Diego.

There are standing committees on education, forestry, reciprocity and club extension and reports of the different chairman show that much interest is being awakened all along the line.

The first work undertaken was that of forestry, which seeks to arouse public sentiment to a sense of the importance of forest preservation. Mrs. J. G. Lemmon, of Oakland, the chairman, has already made the influence of this department felt throughout the state. The committee on education, Mrs. Lou V. Chapin, chairman, is seeing growth in its department for the educational and manual training of children, and under this heading there is also grouped the system of traveling libraries which is proving a great success in the state.

The bureau of reciprocity, Mrs. Kate White Southworth, Sanger, Cal., chairman, is for the purpose of bringing the clubs into closer touch with one another and prompting a spirit of good fellowship. Club papers are exchanged and a list of lectures secured at special rates to clubs.

Civil service reform is another club movement that is gaining more recognition each year as a department that can arouse public sentiment to a sense of the evils of the "spoils system," and the state organization urges upon all the federated clubs a careful consideration of this important subject.

The meetings of the California Federation are biennial and the first one will be held in San Francisco in February, 1902.

The president, Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, of Pasadena, left for an extended tour in Europe shortly after her election. In her absence Mrs. Lovell White, the vice-president at large, and president of the California Club of San Francisco, felt that she could only take the work of the northern part of the state, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Stilson, of Los Angeles, was asked to carry forward the interests of the southern part as acting president for this section. Mrs. Stilson has been untiring in her efforts in this direction, and to her executive ability and faithfulness is due in a large measure the present prosperous outlook of the State Federation.

The California Federation is to have the distinction of welcoming within its jurisdiction the sixth biennial meeting of the General Federation at Los Angeles next spring, the date not yet being settled. Mrs. R. L. Craig, who has been unanimously elected as chairman of the local board of directors to arrange and carry forward plans for the biennial, is a woman well quali-

fied to fill the important position for which she has been selected by the club women of this city. She is a representative and influential woman of the city and has been identified with many of its best and most progressive movements. She was the first president of the Civic league to promote better civic conditions, is a member of the board of directors of the orphans' home and a leading member in the Friday Morning Club, the largest woman's club in Los Angeles.

COLORADO.

Possibly the readers of the CLUB WOMAN may be interested in hearing of a local art display given by the department of music and art of the Woman's Club of Leadville, writes a subscriber. This display, probably more adapted to towns or cities of medium size than large places, consisted in a collection of articles of women's work in embroidery, lace, drawing, photography, painting in oil and water colors, also on china, besides, as an afterthought, a loan collection of such articles of interest as could be secured.

The result was both entertaining and educational—a medium of comparison of values was established and our resources astonished ourselves as well as our friends. With a small admission fee we not only paid all expenses but realized a handsome profit with comparatively little labor.

The executive board of the Denver Woman's Club at a recent meeting passed a by-law which will alter the policy of the club somewhat materially. This is, that any member desiring to leave the club must send in a formal resignation. If she neglects to do so, simply leaving her name to be dropped, she can never be reinstated without paying up all her back dues for the time she has been out. If she hands in her resignation in due form she may be reinstated without this. This amendment will be voted on by the club in June. Another amendment recently adopted is that a resident of Denver, not a club member, may be invited to the club only once a year.

Mrs. J. D. Whitmore has been unanimously elected to her third term of office as president of the Denver Woman's Club. Other officers elected were Mrs. L. M. Goddard, first vice-president; second vice-president, Mrs. F. E. Warren; recording secretary, Mrs. Eugene C. Stevens; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Frank Baty; corresponding secretary, Miss Helen M. Worthen; assistant corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frank Dillingham; treasurer, Mrs. Jules K. La Borthé; auditor, Mrs. W. N. Burdick. The directors elected were: Mesdames Charles Platfoot, E. C. Stevens, Fred Dick, Mann Page, N. O. Vosburg, L. M. Goddard, Finis P. Ernest, W. H. Kistler, T. T. Cornforth, C. B. Steele, O. S. Storrs, W. S. Decker, E. M. Ashley, J. B. Hunter, Mila Tupper Maynard, Robert Gunn, Macpherson Antoinette Higby, W. S. Peabody, George Kramer, W. B. Felker, Mary C. C. Bradford, A. H. Cronkhite, Scott-Saxon, A. K. Lewis. Chairman parliamentary auxiliary, chairman music committee, Mrs. James M. Walker. Mrs. Louise Arkins was elected delegate to the congress of mothers at Columbus, Ohio, May 21 to 24. Mrs. W. S. Decker was selected delegate to the national meeting of charities and correction, May 19.

The North Side Club of Denver has ready its program for the next year. Following is the program for the department of reform and philanthropy:

"SOCIAL PROGRESS OF THE WORLD."

First meeting, "Conditions in France." (a) "The Revolution and Napoleon." (b) "Socialists and Republics of Today."

Second meeting, "Italy." (a) "The Work of Garibaldi and Victor Emanuel." (b) "Conditions of Today."

Third meeting, "Germany." (a) "Paternalism." (b) "Karl Marx and Socialists of Today."

Fourth meeting, "England." (a) The Church Party and Oxford Movements. (b) "The Labor Movement."

Fifth meeting, "America." (a) "Social Evolution in America." (b) "Some American Socialists."

Sixth meeting, "Russia." (a) Evolution in Government." (b) "Socialist Leaders in Russia."

The home and education department has arranged the following program:

First meeting, address by Dr. C. E. Chadsey, superintendent of North Side schools.

Second meeting, "A Club Prophecy."

Third meeting, "The Elective System in the Public Schools"

Fourth meeting, "Neighborly Responsibilities."

Fifth meeting, "The Ideal Home."

Sixth meeting, "Commercial Education—Does it Deserve a Place in Our High School Curriculum?"

Seventh meeting, "Can a Better System of Health Inspection of Schools be Devised Than the Present Board of Health System?"

Plans are made for a children's day, a meeting for teachers and an evening meeting.

The art and literature department has arranged the following miscellaneous program: "Alfred the Great," "Thanksgiving Day," "Club Life a Post-Graduate Course in a Woman's Education," "Among Our American Humorists," "An Arcadian Symphony," musical, "The Relative Place of Art and Literature in Our Civilization," "American Artists," "Evolution of the Novel."

The Women's Club of Boulder has now 185 members. It has just accepted a design for a club seal, and will get out a souvenir book soon. The art and literature department had a photographic exhibition Friday and Saturday for the benefit of the school decoration fund.

The art committee of the State Federation, under the energetic chairmanship of Mrs. C. H. Jacobson, is doing some good work in connection with the traveling libraries. It has prepared four portfolios of pictures to be placed in the juvenile boxes going to schoolhouses. One contains pictures of American statesmen with biographies pasted on the backs. One is a series of scenes from the life of Washington, and the other two are American and European views, with descriptions written on backs. Other portfolios will be arranged, covering Russia and some other countries. These are for use in history, geography and composition lessons in the schools where they go.

At the annual meeting of the Amherst (Mass.) Woman's Club the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lillian W. Grosvenor; vice-presidents, Mrs. Abby R. Neill, Mrs. Gertrude M. A. Hardy; recording secretary, Mrs. Florence V. Gates; corresponding secretary, Miss Caroline T. Hunt; treasurer, Mrs. Harriet R. Sherwin.

The report of the program committee was as follows: The general plan is to have lectures on different phases of girls' education, as conducted in New England colleges, especially those presided over by women. The following persons of note will address the club on this subject: President Hazard of Wellesley College, President Woolley of Mount Holyoke College, Miss Irwin, dean of Radcliffe; Miss Emery, dean of Pembroke Hall, Brown University; Miss Gill, dean of Barnard. Miss Winslow, editor of the CLUB WOMAN, will lecture on "Education of Women as Editors." President Harris will give his lecture on "Social Service;" Miss Helen M. Cole will give readings from the Bible appropriate for Christmas time, when the children of the club members will be invited as guests.

INDIANA.

Following is the correct list of officers in the Indiana State Federation: President, Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, South Bend; honorary president, Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, of Muncie; Federation secretary, Mrs. Martha Wentworth Hopper, of Richmond; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Ketting, of South Bend.

IOWA.

The biennial recently held at Council Bluffs will be fully reported in these pages in an early number. The new officers are: President, Mrs. W. H. Baily, Des Moines; vice-president, Mrs. Flora Barkley, of Boone; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Nellie F. Cooke of Algona; recording secretary, Mrs. J. C. Hallam of Sioux City; treasurer, Mrs. John P. Davis of Council Bluffs; auditor, Mrs. Ora Burlinson of Webster City.

KENTUCKY.

The seventh annual meeting of the Kentucky Federation will be held at Bowling Green, June 4, 5, 6. Following is the program:

Tuesday evening, June 4.—Meeting of executive committee, meeting of board of directors.

Wednesday morning, June 5.—Invocation, Mrs. Mary Rees Bettison, Bowling Green. Address of Welcome, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Thomas. Response and president's address, Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Lexington. Reports of recording secretary, Miss May Stone, Louisville; corresponding secretary, Miss Wilhelmine Loos, Lexington, treasurer, Mrs. Augustus Thomas, Mayfield; auditor, Mrs. Cornelia Bush, Frankfort; Federation secretary, Miss Jeanie D. McKee, Covington; credential committee, two minute reports of clubs, time keeper, Miss Mac Van Meter, Shelbyville; announcement of committees; adjournment.

Wednesday afternoon.—Minutes, Report of Milwaukee Biennial, Miss Mary Laton, Louisville. Discussion. Report of economic committee, Miss Mary Anderson, Louisville, chairman: (a) Consumer's League, Mrs. K. P. Halleck, Louisville; (b) Miss Eleanor Tarrant. Report of free library committee, Miss Josephine Carter, Versailles, chairman: Five-minute reports from Paris, Miss Elizabeth Grimes; Winchester, Mrs. Abram Renick; Covington, Miss Jennie D. McKee; Lexington, Mrs. Minor Simpson; Newport, Mrs. Sophia Hart Arnold; Bowling Green, Mrs. Jones; Shelbyville, Mrs. W. J. Thomas; Nicholasville, ——. Adjournment.

Wednesday night.—Work of the Federation in the Mountains of Kentucky. Report of committee on traveling libraries, Mrs. C. P. Barnes, Louisville, chairman. Report of committee on traveling picture gallery, Mrs. E. S. Ebbert, Covington, chairman. Report of committee on ways and means for mountain settlement work, Mrs. J. R. Morton, chairman, Lexington. Address, "Social Settlement in the Kentucky Mountains," Mrs. Katharine Pettit, Lexington. The music will be furnished by the Woman's Music Club of Bowling Green.

Thursday morning, June 6.—Two-minute reports of clubs (concluded). Committee reports: Art, Mrs. E. S. Ebbert, Covington; correspondence, Miss Jeanie D. McKee, Covington; reciprocity, Miss Margaret Shaw, Lexington; forestry, Mrs. Sarah Webb Maury, Louisville. Address on "Forestry."

Thursday afternoon.—Election of officers and delegates to biennial at Los Angeles. New business. Adjournment. Meeting of new board of directors.

Thursday night.—Reception tendered to delegates and visiting club members by the Bowling Green Clubs, with musical program by Woman's Music Club of Bowling Green.

MAINE.

The Biddeford Daily "Journal" edited for one day, March 30, by the Thursday Club, reflects great credit upon the club and its editor-in-chief, Miss Cora B. Bickford.

Since the organization of the club, it has taken a practical interest in city improvements. Through its efforts, the Free Public Library Association of Biddeford was formed. It originated the movement for introducing works of art into the public schools and now has under consideration an effort to better the conditions of the railroad grade crossings and to establish a free public bath.

In October the club will entertain the Maine Federation.

Two years ago, through the help of Mr. Stetson, State Superintendent of Schools, the Nineteenth Century Club of Bangor established a school at Katahdin Iron Works, and by thus calling Mr. Stetson's attention to the school conditions of children in unorganized townships, a bill was passed in the Legislature, appropriating \$1500 yearly for such places.

The club is now working for the establishment of a school where there are about twenty-five children in a deplorable condition.

An entertainment was given in the Baptist church at Caribou April 2, under the auspices of the Social Club.

The program included musical selections and pictures from the Passion Play.

The musical attainments of Mrs. E. P. Grimes, ex-corresponding secretary of the Maine Federation, contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The first report of the Library Commission of Maine for 1900 must be of interest to club women as the commission is as truly a child of the Maine Federation as is the system of traveling libraries.

The first seven pages are devoted to the history of the commission's formation and to a review of its work.

The commissioners pay this tribute to the women of the state, "For whatever success has been achieved, for whatever more may result from the seed now sown, full credit must be given to the women of the state. They have provided that no application for a traveling library need be refused because of the lack of ability to pay the required fee. They have also interested themselves and others in seeking out places where such libraries could be sent with advantage.

"The women's clubs and other literary associations have been so closely connected with the work of establishing and maintaining free libraries and of increasing the facilities for serious study throughout the state that the secretary of the commission has compiled tabular statements of their activities which will be found a Appendix 2 of this report."

The Maine delegates to the New England Conference in Boston have brought back glowing accounts of the pleasure and benefit they derived from the meetings. Some have expressed the hope that the other New England states will follow Massachusetts' example in holding similar gatherings.

LUCIA H. CONNOR.

[One Maine delegate to the New England Conference, on her return, reported to her club that she realized as she never had before how much she needed to take the CLUB WOMAN.]

The CLUB WOMAN is deserving of all the good things that are said of it. If more club women would "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" its contents, I feel we would have in the G. F. W. C. an even stronger and more intelligent body of women than we now have.

MRS. JOHN C. MCCLINTOCK.

Topeka, Kan.

MINNESOTA.

The Minnesota Federation of Clubs has succeeded in getting two important measures through its Legislature during the past season. One refers to its cherished scheme of forestry reserves in the northern part of the state, while the other is in the interest of libraries in small towns, making library boards elective instead of appointed by village council, and thus giving the women a voice in the matter.

During the present month district federation meetings will be held in the seventh district, and also in two of the sub-divisions of the second district. Much interest is manifested in these district meetings and they are proving an important adjunct to the state body.

EDITH M. CONANT.

NEBRASKA.

Nebraska's long silence does not mean that we are dead or sleeping. Neither does it mean that we have grown apathetic, rather it means we have been too busy in the various interests of club work to take time to tell of our doings. But the Legislature has adjourned and in the calm which follows we hasten to tell club sisters what was accomplished through its agency.

There were several bills before the Legislature in which the State Federation were actively interested.

Two very important ones carried, one providing for a greatly improved compulsory education law and another providing for a library commission and traveling libraries.

The Woman's Property Rights Bill and the Pure Food Bill, were snowed under to be rescued, however, sometime in the future. Indeed, we feel so jubilant over the success of the Library Bill that their defeat has been taken with marked equanimity. The passage of this Library Bill places Nebraska as number twenty, I believe, in the roll of states enjoying similar privileges, Idaho and Washington securing the passage of their traveling Library Bills earlier in the winter. It seemed that the senatorial complications of Nebraska might defeat our bill entirely and not until the votes were announced did we feel secure. But it carried, without an amendment, and with the entire appropriation of \$4000 allowed. In a case like this where the club women of the state were working as a unit assisted by the "State Library Association" and the "State Association of Teachers," it would seem that defeat could hardly be possible. But defeat stared us in the face at every step and we can scarcely realize yet that this long desired and earnestly sought blessing is ours. It now, only remains for the library commission to prove that it was a needed want and that traveling libraries are real messengers of mercy. The bill provides for the appointment of one woman on the commission, and the State Federation feels that it has a right to expect recognition in this appointment as it expects to add its small traveling library of six hundred books to the general traveling library.

Aside from legislative work the club women of Nebraska have been very active in endeavors to extend club interest to the more remote corners of the state. The following from our president's message explains itself:

It has been stated that the policy of the present administration is club extension. If a woman's organization can carry two policies, the statement is correct. If not, club extension is an important part, but not the whole policy. The strongest desire of this administration is to establish closer and more helpful relations between the Federation and the clubs that now exist; to create in clubs a more active interest in state work, and to encourage co-operation between our clubs and the various standing committees. In this union of interest only lies the strength of our Federation.

The executive board of the State Federation made a new departure this year which may be suggestive to other Federa-

tions—if there are any—who are hampered financially. Instead of the regulation year manual, which entails a printing bill, a little four-page leaflet was substituted, containing a list of the new officers, new standing committees, new books added to the library and the new manuscripts in the reciprocity bureau. It further contained the proposed amendments and a very helpful "foreword" from our state president, Mrs. Henrietta I. Smith. By this saving the board were able to give the club extension committee a small working fund, and it seemed wise and best to use the money in the treasury for the purpose of bringing more women of our state to a better knowledge of the objects and aims of club work and forego the proud satisfaction of issuing a model year book.

The following proposed amendments will be voted upon at the next annual meeting:

Article VII.—Elections—The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting. The presidents of clubs belonging to the State Federation shall constitute a nominating committee who shall present to this meeting two names for each office required by the constitution.

Article VIII.—Dues—The annual dues, payable in advance of the annual meeting, shall be \$3 for each club of fifty or less members and \$1 additional for each fifty members or major fraction thereof, after the first fifty members.

The constitutional committee will offer the following changes: The addition of six vice-presidents to the officers heretofore elected, giving one vice-president to each congressional district, whose duty it will be to supervise the clubs in their respective districts; to encourage the extension of club work and the organization of local or district Federation wherever possible.

It has been thought best to limit office-holding to two consecutive years, but that any one may be eligible for re-election to an office after the interval of one year from the time when she last held it, and further that no person shall hold more than one office at a time. By thus distributing the offices, it is hoped to extend the interest in the work of the Federation.

The committee has aimed to be most explicit in regard to dues, which must be sent to the treasurer by September 15 of each year in order to entitle a club to representation, however, (a club) may be restored to membership upon payment of all dues.

Another change is the addition of one by-law to those we already have, making the executive board and chairman of committees appointed to report at any annual meeting, members of the meeting with the right to introduce motions and vote.

The general plan for the program for the October meeting, which will be held at Wayne, is as follows:

Three business sessions—one including club reports, one evening given to a reception, and two to special features; the remainder of the time will be devoted to the art, education, household economic and industrial sections.

The music committee will combine its program with the four last mentioned. Following the short business session preceding each, fifteen minutes will be given to music.

The art committee has decided upon "a helpful conference on art topics."

The educational committee aims to secure the best talent obtainable, building up a program having as central thoughts child study and co-operation between parents and teachers.

The ideas controlling the program are co-operation of the Federation with other organizations, agencies and individuals having a common purpose, and fewer or shorter papers and addresses, leaving more time for discussion.

Now that traveling libraries are assured for Nebraska the special object of interest for the club women of Nebraska will be club extension. With a strong enthusiastic committee much is expected along this line of work. It issued a circular which contains the following helpful suggestions. First, secure the interest

of one or two thoughtful women; decide what kind of a club is desirable; whether for general study or scientific work; settle upon the plan and the constitution, even a name if possible. Commit the same to writing. Then invite a few friends, present the club idea, and ask them to help in the new organization. Select a chairman and proceed to elect officers as follows: President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. At this meeting a constitution may be adopted. (Enclosed find copy of model constitution.) A careful record of all meetings should be kept from the first.

Conditions vary so greatly, both in character and needs of clubs—their size, possibilities and limitations—in different localities, that any attempt to outline a course of study would defeat its own end. If in doubt, we would recommend child study, household economics and current events as being topics of general interest. But experience shows that it is well in the beginning to limit the number of subjects.

Club interest in Nebraska is increasing in every direction which leads to practical results. The purely culture club still exists, but its members are ever the first to advance or accept any proposition for betterment of conditions and surroundings. The following unique method of elevating social conditions emanated with the club women of Lincoln, Neb., and is being signed as fast as the petition can be passed from one organization to another:

WHEREAS, The custom of prize giving at club parties is open to criticism, and

WHEREAS, The card clubs which do not give prizes testify that the pleasure of playing well is sufficiently stimulating to make the game interesting, and

WHEREAS, We believe that it would add to the pleasure and dignity of card parties were the prize feature eliminated,

Therefore, we the undersigned agree to use our influence to do away with this most objectionable feature of this popular amusement.

I trust there will be a very general discussion of the "Color Question" in the "Open Arena" the coming year.

LOUISA L. RICKETTS.

OHIO.

The comprehensive pamphlet on domestic economy published in May number was compiled by Prof. Perla Bowman of Ohio State University, and the omission of full committee is hereby supplied:

Chairman, Miss Clara Eugenia Crane, 143 East High street Springfield.

Miss Perla G. Bowman, Ohio State University, Columbus.

Mrs. Frederick L. Geddes, 2105 Putnam street, Toledo.

Mrs. N. C. Perry, 324 North Wayne street, Piqua.

Dr. Georgia Merriman, Brown, Gable, Bucyrus.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The reservation and preservation of the grounds surrounding Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge as a public park has long been a subject of vital interest to loyal and patriotic Pennsylvanians. Celebrated as an historical spot of national fame it would seem that no expenditure would be considered unreasonable that would acquire so sacred and valuable an historical territory and which would reflect unbounded credit on the state.

In 1893 an appropriation of \$25,000 was made by the Legislature of Pennsylvania and in 1895 an additional sum of \$10,000 was appropriated, both of which amounts have been exhausted in the purchase of the park. During November, 1900, feeling the need of combined effort, the Valley Forge National Park Association was formed of all patriotic and historical associations throughout the country. A bill was presented to Congress asking for \$100,000 to secure the remaining ground enclosing the redoubts and entrenchments in order to make it a military park.

Mrs. George W. Kendrick, Jr., Regent of the Quaker City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and an indefatigable club woman of exception mental and executive ability, sent an earnest appeal to the regents of the thirty-six chapters of the D. A. R. of Pennsylvania urging their co-operation and hearty support. At the last session of the Tenth Congress of the D. A. R., held February 23, the following resolution was presented by Mrs. Kendrick, seconded by Mrs. Pepper, of Missouri Chapter and unanimously passed by the Congress.

Resolved, That we, the Daughters of the American Revolution in Congress assembled, do heartily endorse the movement to make historic Valley Forge a National Park, and do urge upon the Senate and members of the House of Representatives the necessity of making an appropriation to secure the site.

While the present Congress adjourned without action, yet the seed of interest has been so firmly planted that it must soon bear fruit.

On June 16, 1900, through the efforts of the secretary of the Valley Forge National Park Association and Quaker City Chapter, a field day was held at Valley Forge, in commemoration of the departure of the troops. Preparations are being made for a larger meeting this June 15 and on a much more extensive scale. The President of the United States has promised to be present and with true military pomp will be celebrated the beginning of the American success.

The Civic Club has addressed a letter to councils requesting that the cutting off of the playground appropriation be reconsidered. Unless councils makes an additional appropriation of \$15,000 to the Board of Education five vacation schools and twenty-nine summer playgrounds will be closed. An appropriation of \$5000 was all councils made last year, an amount sufficient only to provide toys and sand piles for the thousands of children unable to leave the city during the hot summer months. Two hundred and fifty thousand children were registered as having attended the twenty-nine schoolyard playgrounds, and it would seem that council should not hesitate to make the necessary \$15,000 appropriation this summer. It is certain no money expended by the city could be productive of more immediate and perspective benefit.

Heretofore the bill providing for factory inspectors has never specified if they be men or women. The amendment recently presented by the Civic Club and favorably passed by the Legislature increases the number of inspectors by ten, and declares that five out of twenty shall be women.

The Pittsburg Women's Press Club have elected Miss Roberta V. Bradshaw, of the "Chronicle-Telegraph," club delegate to the International League of Press Club's Convention, held at Portland, Ore., in July.

The annual election of officers at the New Century Club resulted as follows: Miss Helen Murphy, president, with Mrs. Wilbur Fisk Rose, Mrs. Edward H. Ogden, Mrs. Charles N. Thorpe and Mrs. Lewis M. Johnson for vice presidents. The key of the treasury was bestowed upon Mrs. Charles T. Harrod, and the pens of recording and corresponding secretary upon Mrs. Edwin C. Grice and Mrs. Lida Stokes Adams.

The executive board of the Alumnae Association have been considering a scheme of decoration for the girls' high school. A plan was submitted suggesting that each class composing the association do something toward beautifying the high school building by furnishing an art object or picture. The exact nature of the decoration was not determined.

Reference was made in a previous article to a juvenile court law bill then pending before the House of Representatives. It provided for juvenile courts and regulated the treatment and control of neglected and delinquent children. The bill has just passed the House, thus scoring a glorious victory for the club women, who have labored faithfully for its passage. Mrs. Frederick

Schoff, president of the Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers, is the author of the bill.

Two years ago the need for different methods of dealing with delinquent children was forcibly called to my notice by a very flagrant case of an eight-year-old girl who was subjected to the same treatment that would be accorded to those of maturer years. Finding that no sensible provision could be made for such cases with existing laws I determined never to rest until more humane and sensible methods should be provided.

I discussed the subject with the president of the New Century Club, of which I am a member, and she immediately told me if I would organize a committee I could carry on the work there. This I promised to do if, after studying the subject in the broadest way, I might proceed to improve present conditions. This, too, was granted and from that day to this the club has given me cordial sympathy and left me unhampered in every way to carry on the work. Although officially connected with the Congress of Mothers, whose special work this is, I preferred in Pennsylvania to have the Century Club do the work because it is so well known and is conservative and influential. Such an organization when it takes such a step becomes a power and the influence of the Congress has also been used to push the work.

One year was spent in studying and compiling the book recently issued by the New Century Club, "Statutes of every State in the United States Concerning Dependent and Delinquent Children." Much correspondence and also visits to those whose help would be valuable aided me in the investigation, and when the Legislature opened this winter we presented a bill similar to the Illinois bill, providing for juvenile court and probation officers. During the past year I have been working to secure the interest and influence of men of all parties. Senator Quay and Governor Stone were in fullest sympathy and lent their powerful aid. The Senate passed it unanimously, the House by a vote of 147 to 3. Miss Mary S. Garrett and I took charge of the Legislature work and Miss Garrett's wide and successful experience in this line was of great value.

Carefully studied, well considered, carried on without haste, but with every step well planned, the result of two years' labor has been the achievement of our efforts. The press of the city and state have given their support. Judge Hurd, who is the author of the Illinois bill and on the Legislature committee of the National Congress, accepted my invitation to speak at the Century Club to a public meeting and, though one of Chicago's busiest lawyers, gave his valuable time to further the cause and responded favorably to my invitation. One of Boston's probation officers also gave us some of the practical details of the system. The women of Pennsylvania are to be responsible for the payment of probation officers. Judge Hurd spoke at the Congress at Columbus on "New Lines, New Methods or Why Juvenile Courts Should Exist in All States."

E. MUDA PHILLIPS.

ILLINOIS.

Many of the clubs of Illinois have held their annual meetings and closed their work for the year.

The Board meeting of the Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs was held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 15, at the Evanston Woman's Club rooms. The session lasting all day.

The program to be arranged for the meeting at Decatur in October was discussed, and since the reapportionment bill passed by the Legislature, and the districts thereby increased in number and altered in boundaries readjustment in club matters as to vice-presidents was discussed. A number of new clubs were admitted.

The bill for a home for delinquent boys that was mentioned in last month's issue has passed both branches of the Illinois Legislature and will become a law July 1 if signed by the Governor. The

sum of \$35,000 was appropriated for this purpose. The bill appropriating \$2,500 for the collection of historical matter by the Illinois Historical Library also passed.

A very valuable traveling library is to be sent out in the fall to Illinois Federation Clubs. Through the kindness of the publisher's. Miss Mary A. Wadsworth has secured the donation of a complete set of Rolfe's edition of Shakespeare in forty volumes, also "Shakespeare the Boy," Abbott's "Shakespearean Grammar," Sydney Lee's "Life of Shakespeare" and the Globe edition. A case has also been donated so that clubs can have the use of the Shakespeare's library of the best literature free of any cost except transportation.

The reciprocity committee has given the clubs of the state most valuable help and suggestions for work in the new book recently issued. Too high praise cannot be given to this work, and it has met with most gratifying recognition.

Among the features most mentioned is the lecture on "Beautiful Surroundings," by Mr. Simonds and Mr. Bryan Lathrop. It would seem that all the illustrated papers will be much in demand when clubs resume work in the fall.

Mr. J. K. Cady's illustrated paper on "Building of the Home" commences at the front door and gives the proper treatment of each part of the house.

Mr. Peter B. Wright, secretary of the Municipal Art League of Chicago, will furnish a paper on "Outdoor Art in Rural Communities." Many inquiries have been received from Western and Southeastern states asking for ideas and plans for conducting reciprocity bureaus.

The programs for the study of art, music, literature, domestic science, in fact of all the various departments of club study are very complete. Clubs desiring a course in Illinois history will find the suggestions most helpful for this study.

The I. F. W. C. is organized on the district federation plan, each district in the state having a representative as vice-president of the State Federation and a member of the board. This method of organization has served to keep the clubs of a district in close touch with each other and with the work of the state.

About four years ago the first district federation was formed, having in several instances as president the vice-president of the district. Meetings are held annually and also in some quarterly. Six districts have been organized, and have done excellent work. In some of the districts in and about Chicago annual meetings are held without regular organization. At such meetings reports are given of club work, officers and chairmen of committees in state work present plans, and a social hour follows for mutual acquaintance.

Kane county, in the eighth district, has a city Federation formed of the towns along Fox river. These towns are so large and near together that such Federation was greatly needed that the interests of the whole neighborhood might be conserved. Persons wishing assistance wandered from one village to another working upon the sympathies of philanthropic people, and the Federation has acted in the capacity of an association of associated charities and corrections. The women are also endeavoring to save the beautiful Fox river from pollution.

The club women of Illinois are convinced that district organization is a most valuable aid to state work. Should over-organization be feared it would still be valuable to have a yearly conference of the vice-presidents of the board. A number of district meetings occur in May, and from them good results are reported.

The monthly meeting of the Illinois branch of the Congress of Mothers was held on invitation of the Bloomington Woman's Club in Bloomington, April 19, 20. The board meeting was preceded by a conference. There was a large attendance. The object of this society is "to raise the standard of home life, to develop better trained parenthood, and to bring into closer relation the home and

the schools." Also to establish laws which will adequately care for the neglected and dependent children of the state. Mrs. Alice H. Putnam, of Chicago, spoke on "Some Characteristics of a Good Kindergarten," Mrs. I. F. Blackwelder, of Chicago, spoke on "Some Reasons for the Lack of Co-operation Between Teachers and Mothers."

Mrs. Marion Foster Washburn gave an address on "The work of Mothers' Clubs." The address of the evening was on "Patriotism in the Schools," by Colonel Parker, of Chicago. The annual meeting will be held in Charleston, Ill., May 17, 18 and 19.

EUGENIE M. BACON,
Federation Secretary for Illinois.

FLORIDA.

The warmest sympathy of all clubdom certainly goes out to that earnest, noble body of club women who have been so sadly afflicted by the terrible conflagration in Jacksonville. Many have lost not only their homes, but income and places of business. We who passed through the like experience of the great Chicago fire realize their sad position. But like Chicago, Jacksonville will rise again and the club women will do their part in making a new, better and more beautiful city.

Next to Jacksonville, St. Petersburg will soon have the largest women's club in the state, as one is just preparing to organize with about one hundred members. Their first object will be town improvements and beautifying, but they may add other departments.

The Women's Club, of Tarpon Springs, now own and control the cemetery. This year they established the beautiful custom of decorating every grave profusely with flowers on Easter Monday, and especially with those used in all the churches the day before in commemoration of Him who has risen. An appropriate program consisting of addresses by prominent men, singing by the children, prayer and benediction was followed by the distribution of the flowers by the women and children.

VIOLA P. BEEKMAN.

TENNESSEE.

The fifth annual meeting of the Tennessee Federation was convened in the beautiful little "Mountain City" of Harriman, April 24, 25 and 26, 1901. About forty delegates presented credentials and received the heartiest of welcomes from the Harriman Woman's Club. The hospitality extended will never be forgotten by the fortunate guests.

The Presbyterian Church, in which the meetings were held, was elaborately decorated and everything was done for the comfort and convenience of the club women from all parts of the state.

The program was very cleverly arranged and carried out to the letter, not one participant defaulting.

Mrs. Chas. H. Perkins of Knoxville presided. She is a fine parliamentarian, and her decisions and rulings gave thorough satisfaction. To say that Tennessee clubs are proud of their state president is putting it very mildly. She is beloved and honored beyond words.

The charming Address of Welcome was made by Mrs. M. L. Dame, president of the Woman's Club of Harriman, and was so heartfelt that the least vestige of stiffness vanished forever.

Mrs. Perkins's reply inspired her hearers with new interest and fresh enthusiasm in club work. The reports were most encouraging, and all felt that the year ending had been a glorious one for the clubs of Tennessee and rejoiced in the bright outlook for the future.

An interesting paper by your Tennessee correspondent entitled "Memories of the Milwaukee Biennial," was read by Miss

Thornbury of Knoxville, on account of the much regretted absence of Mrs. Greer, whom illness had detained at home. At noon of Wednesday, April 24, a delightful luncheon was served at the Harriman Club rooms, which contain the library, under the charge of the local club. The city appreciates this practical work most thoroughly. In these charming rooms was placed the "Industrial Exhibit," the first ever attempted in Tennessee. Its success was the theme of every tongue. Arranged in a most tasteful way were specimens of handiwork of Tennessee women. Laces of all kinds, paintings, rugs, portieres, sofa-pillows, decorated china, mineatures, were an object lesson for the whole state, proving the possibilities of our women in wage-earning.

A pretty feature of this charming luncheon was the presentation of a bunch of beautiful pansies given each visitor by Mrs. Bridge, of Pansy Hill; over and over during the three days' session the gift was repeated, and the dainty blossoms will always be associated in the minds of the receivers with the Harriman meeting.

The traveling libraries, thirty in number, and the free public libraries were subjects of great interest, and great progress along this line is expected during the coming year.

The papers on "Our Feathered Songsters" by Mrs. Richards of Knoxville, and on "Needed Reforms in Advertising" by Mrs. Greer of Chattanooga, were well received and ordered sent to the Bureau of Reciprocity.

The public schools received a great deal of attention throughout the entire session; varied suggestions were made and man reforms and improvements urged. "Compulsory Education" received the heartiest endorsement, as did the kindergarten and manual labor departments.

"Civics" occupied a whole afternoon, and the address of Mrs. A. M. Harrison, president of the Kentucky Federation, on "Friction in Philanthropy," was a brilliant effort highly appreciated by a large audience.

The time allotted to "Individual Club Interests" was profitably spent and many new ideas carried back to the clubs represented.

"Art" in the home, the school, the municipality, was notably discussed.

The high-grade music furnished throughout the sessions and at a concert on the night of April 25 gave exceeding pleasure to overflowing houses.

An illustrated lecture on the "Paris Exposition," by Dr. Chas. W. Dabney, of the University of Tennessee, was a charming finale to the delightful three days, and an invitation to an entertainment by the Columbia Company at the great temple reared by the W. C. T. U. of Harriman, was accepted with much pleasure.

A reception at the Godbee House, tendered the delegates and visitors by the Harriman Club, was a noted addition to the social features of the meeting. The beautifully gowned women, the courtly men, the brilliant music, the dainty refreshments brought the delighted guests to the "wee sma' hours," and sent them home to happy dreams. The guest of honor was Mrs. Florence Kelly, secretary of the Consumers' League, New York city, and her address on the "Morals of Shopping" was perhaps the most striking of the meeting. To many of her large audience it opened an entirely new field of thought and action, and the results will be far-reaching and most practical.

Chattanooga, Knoxville and Maryville were most largely represented at Harriman. It was a matter of regret that West Tennessee had no representation.

The next meeting will be held in Knoxville in response to the hearty invitation of Ossoli Circle, seconded by the other federated clubs of that progressive city. There was some good-natured rivalry for the honor of entertaining the body, but all yielded gracefully to the claims of the home of our beloved president, Mrs. Perkins.

The meeting altogether was ideal. The weather was perfect such as only the Tennessee mountains can furnish. The warm hearts, the lovely homes of Harriman, the great Temperance University, the handsome equipages, everything in and around the little city belonged for the time to the Federation. The pace is set for all future meetings, but to surpass Harriman's record will be well nigh impossible. Tennessee clubs have received an irresistible impulse towards better and higher things, which will be felt in the homes, the schools, the charities of the whole state.

LAURA DAYTON EAKIN.

TEXAS.

The annual meeting of the Texas Federation, which met at Dallas the first week in May, was a great success. Despite serious obstacles at the last moment in the burning of the opera house which was to have been the convention hall, the women rallied and found a desirable meeting-place and had it ready when the convention met. On the stage, richly hung, banked with foliage plants and festooned with bunting, sat the Federation officers. At the foot of the stage were the acting committees. Fresh and nimble young women, as ushers, conducted the delegations to their seats. Visitors took the gallery.

The scene can best be described, says Kate Friend in the Waco "Times-Herald," by quoting Mrs. M. E. Kimball, of Galveston, whom all Texas clubdom know as the originator and custodian of the "Art Folio," which is such a popular visitor to the Texas clubs. In making her report on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Kimball excused the brief introduction by saying, "Ladies, I never saw a prettier picture than you are at this very moment. With your intelligent faces, your fresh and prettily tinted dresses, the play of color about your hats, you defy the artist." It was such a picture which greeted the speakers in the welcoming remarks from Mayor Cabell, from Mr. Steinmann of the Commercial Club, and from Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie, president of the City Federation of Clubs. Then followed the report of the several committees and the election of thirty three clubs to membership. All of these reports showed the Federation in a very prosperous condition.

Business was quite spirited when the amendment was offered which substitutes the locked ballot box for the old method of

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electing from the floor. The amendment carried, in spite of its opposition by a vote of 990 to 26. The change of convention time of the Federation from spring to fall was unanimous, the same with the election of officers, biennially instead of annually. One hundred dollars a year was voted to defray the expenses of the president in visiting the clubs over the state. At each session, both morning and afternoon, the delegates gave their two minute reports. These were a revelation, both as to the concise and at times witty, manner in which they were delivered, and for the exposition of the vast amount of good work the women of Texas are doing. In addition to the well arranged courses of study in the majority of cases, there was scarce a club who did not report a nucleus for, or a well organized, library. There have been over two thousand trees planted. Parks are flourishing. Box after box and money checks have gone to the Galveston sufferers; it were impossible to enumerate the various phases of the Texas woman's work.

Mrs. Terrell complimented the delegates upon the manner in which their reports were handled, this being the first year that two minutes only was allowed. But the merit of the compliment lay deeper in what the women had accomplished. Especially was the report of Miss Bettie Ballinger of interest since she had to tell what the Galveston women had done after the flood. The convention requested that Miss Ballinger's time be extended. Another report of peculiar interest was that of Mrs. Sallie I. Hamilton, who came as the delegate from the Louisiana club women who are yet young in their Federation and who came to learn from Texas.

The committee reports were also a revelation. Mrs. Kimball grew quite facetious at the expense of the club woman when she told of the ruse to which the art committee resorted to start the Art Folio on its rounds. But, later, Mrs. Kimball pronounced the transit of the Folio one continuous ovation and a wave of enthusiasm for art sweeping over Texas.

Mrs. Alford of San Antonio, chairman of the Household Economics and Sanitary Science, said that she was more than encouraged to find that in one short year Texas had risen from absolute indifference to this important subject, to the first state in the Union except Massachusetts.

In making her summary for the lectures and literature committee. Mrs. J. D. Osborne of Cleburne gave a very helpful suggestion. It was this: That the six vice-presidents whose duties now are merely nominal except when the executive board is in session be each created a supervisor of the clubs in her district, and that she visit each and give a lecture upon Federation lines.

This report covers fifty towns, ranging in the strength of the library from the magnificent structures in the leading cities to the humble little shelf of books in some retired hamlet. If this be the result of three years what may we not expect within the next ten?

The evening sessions were more than interesting, being largely attended by the men, and applauded by the men, too. The most pronounced feature was the ability of the women to speak without notes. Mrs. Exall of Dallas in her introduction of Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Pennybacher in her address on educational might and Mrs. Terrell in her annual address, all handled their subjects orally. The musical clubs of Dallas gave very artistic numbers and many minor features combined to make two evening sessions very pleasant indeed.

The social features were delightfully varied. Each day the delegates were entertained by the Dallas clubs with a course luncheon at the Oriental hotel. Here ideas were interchanged, plans evolved and the general good feeling born which makes the Federation one grand sisterhood. On Wednesday afternoon the Shakespeare Club gave a reception at the Business Men's Club; on Thursday afternoon a drive was taken over the city, and on Friday night the City Federation of Clubs gave a brilliant reception.

There was a lively contest when it came to the election of officers. Galveston had a candidate for president in Mrs. C. B. Stone; San Antonio in Miss Eleanor Brackenridge, and Dallas in Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie, but finally the choice fell on Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacher, of Austin. The other officers are: First vice-president, Mrs. C. B. Stone, Galveston; second vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Goodhue, Beaumont; third vice-president, Mrs. J. D. Osborne, Cleburne; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Edmund Key, Marshall; fifth vice-president, Miss Ella Cockrell, Abilene; sixth vice-president, Mrs. M. W. Sims, Bryan; corresponding secretary, Miss Nola Dilworth, Austin; treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Brown, Vernon; auditor, Mrs. F. B. Boydston, McKinney.

In her report of the convention Miss Friend says: "A new president is at the helm and six hundred women are invigorated by the proceedings of the three days which mean so much for Texas. No student of Roman history can dwell upon the era of the Cæsars unless he learn the lesson that after the more material part has passed which it did in the assassination of Julius Cæsar, that the spirit of any great and good movement lives. Mrs. Terrell reiterated this sentiment when she appealed to the women for a calm and a deliberate ballot for the new officers. She said: 'Ladies, the Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs stands for all that is good in womanhood. The organization is a God-appointed medium for some great purpose, and it is going to work out that purpose. The Federation is going to grow, no matter who is president, and it depends on no individual to conduct it, for the good women of Texas will see that it prospers without regard to who is president.'

"Even beyond the state has the work which the women of Texas have accomplished been recognized. The New Yorkers who paid the Federation a visit were more than astonished; they were amazed. And the delegate sent from the Louisiana Federation was simply inspired by what she saw. First of all, the Federation is to be complimented for the dignity, the despatch and the precision with which the business was transacted. The program committee, Mrs. Cecil Smith of Sherman, Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie and Mrs. Berry of Dallas, had made a uniform distribution of time for the various subjects, and Mrs. Terrell conformed to the program with absolute precision. When the gavel fell it meant something. The rulings of the chair were both prompt and just, not an appeal being made throughout the session."

The following was recently sent to every federated club in the state of Texas:

Dear Club Friends,—In the beginning of this new year of the new century it is fitting that we look well to our resources for making ourselves and the world better. The State Federation can be a means to this end only as the individual clubs give it strength. Feeling that even a little time devoted to consideration of Federation matters would arouse a deeper interest in its plans and possibilities, the executive board at its recent meeting desired the president to address a circular letter to the clubs requesting each to give a part of the last meeting in January, or as near thereafter as convenient, to a discussion of the Year Book and Federation work of which it is the exponent. It is recommended that hereafter in planning their year's work, regular place be given on the programs for this topic. The year books on hand were ordered distributed gratuitously among the clubs. Many clubs will soon be planning their programs for next year. In doing this they are urged to consult the state committees. Those studying history, either state, national or foreign, can have benefit of courses of study outlined by the history committee; so also in house and economics, music, art and education. Each club is requested to subscribe for at least one copy of the CLUB WOMAN, official organ of the G. F. W. C., 52 Atherton street, Egleston Square, Boston, \$1—and to purchase proceedings of Milwaukee Biennial, address Mrs. Emma Fox, 21 Bagley avenue, Detroit, Mich., price, 15 cents; from Mrs.

Fox the G. F. W. C. pin can also be purchased; price, 50 cents. Every club woman in Texas should also order of Mrs. W. F. Beers, Galveston, a Texas club pin.

While it is not the desire of Texas club women to "get into politics," there are matters to the furtherance of which the Federation stands pledged, that can only be consummated by legislation. These are the creation of a state library commission for the encouragement of the establishment of public libraries, commissioners to be unsalaried; the better protection, not only of song and game birds, but those that are slaughtered by the hundreds for their plumage used in millinery—a law prohibiting the killing of such and the exposure for sale of plumage which costs the bird's life, coupled with a fine of not less than \$1 for every offence, is the only effectual protection; industrial education—some feasible law making more practical our public education, especially for girls. To these I feel impelled to add, restrictive legislation controlling the sale of that deadly drug cocaine, the growing and baleful influence of which can be established in every town in the state.

When it is reflected that the husbands, fathers, brothers and sons, of the club women are the substantial men of the state whose names carry weight, it will be seen that a potent influence is at our command. A petition signed by the men whom we can influence, presented to the representatives in each club town, will show rich results before our present Legislature adjourns. Thus we will work for the good of the children of Texas; thus we become a part of the power that is battling with evil in the world, making ready for the coming of the Master. Is not this the highest incentive?

CONNECTICUT.

A most valuable and successful council meeting of the Connecticut State Federation was held with the federated clubs of Danbury and Bethel, Friday, May 10.

The council consists of the officers and directors of the Federation, county organizers and chairmen of committees, and the president of each club or her appointee. It is the custom that this body shall be entertained by the hostess club, or clubs, while the effort is made in case of Federation meetings not to trespass upon the treasury of local organizations. We say the "effort" because such is the hospitality of our towns that much in the way of entertainment is freely offered.

The Current Events Club of Bethel, Mrs. M. E. Medbury, president; the Afternoon Musical Society, Mrs. J. C. Downs, president; the Classics and Monday Clubs, Mrs. F. E. Hartwell, president; the Other Club, Miss Francis H. Fairclough, president, and the Travelers' Club, Mrs. H. T. Hoyt, president, all the last of Danbury, were the hostesses upon this occasion. There is no regular time for calling the council together, the executive board and the entertaining town deciding upon the date. There have been three previous to this, Norwalk, Norwich and New Haven and West Haven in turn inviting this fine body of club women. The object of the meeting is to hear reports of committees and to generally outline future work and advise with the board.

While the weather was not as good as could have been wished on May 10, this was the only unfavorable matter, and the actual raindrops did not descend till the afternoon, so the attendance was not greatly interfered with. And certainly, once housed, the interested gathering thought no more of unpropitious weather. All the arrangements had been made so perfectly for the comfort and convenience of the guests that a most harmonious whole was assured. The morning meeting opened at 11 o'clock in the Sunday school room of the Second Baptist Church, admirably suited to the size of the business session. Luncheon at noon was served down stairs in the same building and the afternoon meeting, always much larger, was in its fine auditorium. At 4 afternoon tea was served by the Classics and Monday Clubs in the beautiful old

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home of their president, Mrs. F. E. Hartwell, just across the street from the church, and from there the cars went directly to the station. There was, however, not much need of the public conveyances, as many of the Danbury people had loaned their carriages, and the incoming guests were met at the station in the morning and brought back in the afternoon in this way.

Miss Mary Merriman Abbott of Watertown, elected last November, occupied the chair of presiding officer for the first time, and well she bore out the high estimate placed upon her ability by all who knew her previous to her election. Miss Abbott is a woman of great ability. She has a wonderfully logical mind, deep learning, experience and enthusiasm.

As a presiding officer she shows perception, clearness, tact, precision, and her gracious presence in the chair is stimulating. Under her guiding hand seconded as she is by a fine corps of officers and committees the Federation is sure to prosper.

Business was entirely the order of the morning session, but it was very interesting business.

Greeting was offered by Dr. Sophia F. Penfield, a valued and honored physician of Danbury and for two years chairman of the Civics committee of the Federation.

Response should have been by Mrs. George Starr Barnum of New Haven, first vice-president, but in her unavoidable absence the Federation secretary was glad to have the opportunity of expressing for the council their pleasure in visiting Danbury for the first time.

Mrs. Henry H. Barroll, of Norwalk, recording secretary gave the minutes of the last Council meeting.

Committee reports as follows were then given: Civics, Dr. Penfield; Industrial Conditions and the Consumer's League, Mrs. Adam Reid, Norwich; Educational, Miss Celeste E. Bush; Niantic, (read by Mrs. J. H. Hart); Equal Guardianship Law, Mrs. F. W. Gerard, Norwalk; Civil Service Reform, Miss Whit-

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tlesey, New Haven (read by Miss R. D. Beach.) Discussion followed each report.

The words "Committee Reports" may, in some bodies, convey a sense of boredom and weariness to the flesh, but not so in the Connecticut Federation. The chairmen are admirably chosen, the committees are working committees and to hear their story and their recommendations told succinctly and vitally by live speakers who know how to put what they have to say in telling phrase is an experience. A comparatively new and valuable member of the Council said afterward "not an unnecessary nor uninteresting word was spoken this morning," and it was true.

It is difficult to select where all is of such importance, but it is especially pleasant to report that the committee upon the right of equal guardianship of father and mother over children has under the able management of Mrs. Gerard, who has worked insistently, yet tactfully, succeeded in having such a bill favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature. The bill has already passed the House and when signed by the Governor becomes a law.

Also, Miss Bush of the Educational committee is working with the Connecticut State Board of Education and they have printed and sent out her recommendations to the clubs.

Mrs. D. R. Rodger, of Woodbury, county organizer, gave an informal witty, bright little account, necessarily very brief, of the New England Conference in Boston, and all those who accepted the abundant hospitality of the Boston Clubs announced as one woman that they had "never had a better time in their lives."

Resolutions of thanks to the Massachusetts Federation and a message of greeting to the New Hampshire Federation were passed. The council then adjourned and the executive board met. At the board meeting two new committees were decided upon, one to help clubs applying for material for programs. This work has hitherto been very willingly performed by the secretary, but as the organization grows a larger demand is made. A committee upon Household Science was also decided upon, appointments for this to be made by the chair.

The luncheon hour proved perfectly delightful in all ways. The menu and the service were exquisite and the tables beautiful to behold. The motion for a vote of thanks offered by Mrs. Isaac S. Jennings, president of the Woman's Club of Norwalk, was seconded by almost every guest, and the vote was a rousing one.

The central topic of the afternoon was an admirable talk by Judge L. D. Brewster, of Danbury, upon "Knowledge of Business Law." This ought to be reproduced in full and we are only restrained from giving some extracts because we fear to push the hospitality of the CLUB WOMAN too far.

A concert of great merit had been provided by the Danbury ladies. There are many skilled professionals in the city and it was a delight to listen to their music; most generous in them and a lovely thought on the part of the clubs.

The beautiful reception given by the Classics and Monday Club at Mrs. Hartwell's, where everything was most elegantly appointed, gave an opportunity for the members of the council to meet the Danbury ladies and to have some time to finish up the conversations begun earlier in the day.

The Federation gives hearty thanks to the kind friends of Danbury and Bethel.

DOTHA STONE PINNEO.

KANSAS.

The sixth annual meeting of the Kansas Federation of clubs was held in Leavenworth, May 8, 9, 10.

It was the largest and most successful meeting in every way that the organization has ever enjoyed. There were 240 delegates present, the program was in every way fine and the social functions were unusually enjoyable because of the very cordial and hospitable manner in which they were proffered.

The McGonigle home, in which the reception was held on the evening of the 8th, is one of the finest west of the Mississippi. Evergreen Place Hospital, where Dr. and Mrs. Goddard entertained the whole Federation to luncheon on Thursday at the noon hour is a beautiful place in the suburbs of the city, with spacious rooms where the tables were spread and well kept grounds about it where guests lingered for a time in the shade of the trees discussing many interesting questions.

On Friday evening the Soldiers' Home was thrown open to the Federation. A band met the guests at the entrance to the grounds and led the way to the Opera House where Governor Rowland, in a few words, bade them welcome, giving them the freedom of the place. Supper was served at 6.30 and at 7.30 all were assembled in the Opera House to listen to the exercises. Music, from the orchestra, from the piano, from xylophone, and from some of the best singers in the state, was interspersed through a most delightful program given by some "Kansas Authors." Governor Rowland first made a more formal address of welcome, giving many interesting facts about soldiers' homes. This was responded to by the president, Mrs. James Humphrey.

The Kansas Authors then followed. A parody on "The White Man's Burden," by Mrs. S. M. Hartough, of Leavenworth, "A Little Story of the West," by C. M. Hazen, a poem, "The Wayside Vision," by Mrs. Clara Kennish Raber and "Readings from Ironquill," by Eugene F. Ware, the Kansas poet of national reputation, made up a program which was much enjoyed.

A unique feature of the evening was a one act comedy written for the occasion by Mrs. Sallie F. Toler, of Wichita. It was entitled "Pretty Miss Weston's Wigs," and the parts were enacted by Miss Elsie Goddard and Mr. Robert Richey.

At the close of the meeting the newly elected officers of K. S. S. T. were presented to the Federation and the gavel presented by the retiring to the incoming president. Each officer had a few characteristic words of greeting and the whole made a beautiful ceremony.

On Thursday afternoon the "Art League" of Leavenworth, of which Mrs. C. C. Goddard is president, received the Federation in their rooms and invited an inspection of the work of the art classes which are maintained by the club. This league has for years kept up an art school, and from it have gone pupils who have become distinguished artists.

The highest order of music was presented on Thursday evening after the literary department had reported. The musical committee, Mrs. C. S. Gleed chairman, had secured Prof. Carl A. Preyer of the State University, who gave a recital assisted by Mr. Harold Henry of Lawrence, and Mrs. Lingafelt of Topeka. Mrs. T. W. Dorn of Junction City, an eminent vocalist, sang the opening song at this meeting.



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The reports of the various departments during the session were able and practical, and the papers were given by some of the most distinguished club workers in the state. Mrs. Charlotte T. Wilder, a writer of note, Mrs. Noble Prentiss, Mrs. Lora R. Priddy, Mrs. S. R. Peters, Mrs. W. A. Johnston, Mrs. A. H. Thompson and Mrs. Bowen all contributed to make the meeting practical and profitable as well as interesting. Two young members, graduates of Vassar, Miss Abbie Ware and Miss Alma Miller, received high encomiums for their presentation of their departments, literature and education. Miss Evalyn Dudley of Leavenworth, who so gracefully welcomed the Federation at the opening meeting, and Miss Stella McGonigle, who arranged the details of the reception at her home, were also recipients of praise and good words.

This annual meeting of the Kansas Federation was the sixth but it was the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Social Science Club from which the Federation took its rise. Mrs. Humphrey, the president, in her annual address spoke of this. She paid a graceful tribute to Leavenworth, where the Social Science Club had its origin. She told how the club grew and put out branches and new clubs sprang up until we have the present great Federation. The higher education given by these clubs, their elevation of the social tone, their influence on the education of the young, their active promotion of public and traveling libraries, their efforts in making the cities beautiful, their assistance of the poor in establishing and maintaining sewing and cooking classes, inculcating intelligent care for the home make a high record. Those who listened felt their faith increased in the potency for good of the clubs and federations.

Mrs. Mary T. Gray, at this opening meeting, gave a history of the old Social Science Club and responded to address of welcome. Mrs. Gray was the first president of the Social Science Club and received many attentions.

At the close of the last session, Mrs. A. H. Thompson of Topeka, on behalf of the Federation, presented Mrs. Humphrey with a token of their appreciation of her two terms of devoted work in the service of the Federation. It was a beautiful and costly pin, a sunburst with diamond center.

The new list of officers is as follows: President, Mrs. W. A. Johnston, Topeka; vice-president, Mrs. Daniels, Leavenworth; secretary, Mrs. Barker, Lawrence; treasurer, Mrs. Winans; auditor, Mrs. Cowley, Columbus. The CLUB WOMAN was represented by Mrs. Ripley of Leavenworth, and club women expressed high opinion of its merit.

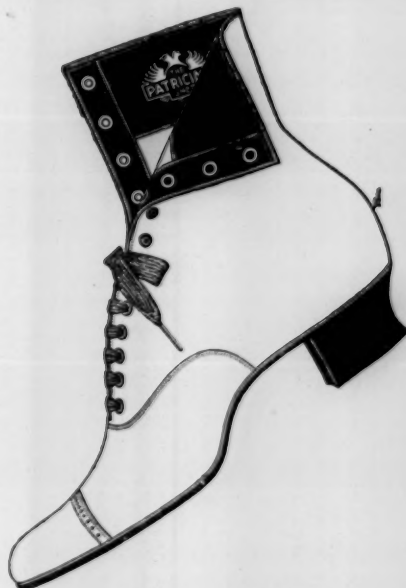
NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The sixth annual meeting of the New Hampshire Federation was held in Keene, May 14 and 15. It was the first time that the Federation had met in this part of the state, and the hostess clubs did everything in their power to make the occasion a memorable one in the history of the Federation. The meeting was a day shorter than usual, as the train accommodations to and from the city made the former arrangement impracticable.

The first session began at 2 P. M. Tuesday afternoon, the address of welcome being delivered by Mrs. Emily B. Cooledge, president of the Keene Fortnightly Club, Mrs. Susan C. Bancroft, president of the Federation, responding. After the reports of the general officers of the Federation, and one from Miss Runnells of Nashua, of the "New England Conference of Clubs," the following club reports were given: Eclectic Club, Bartlett; Concordia Club, Stratford Club, Twelfth Night Club, Woman's Club, Concord; Woman's Club, Conway; Woman's Club, Derry; Tuesday Club, Woman's Club, Dover; Tuesday Afternoon Club, Woman's Club, Durham; Current Events Club, East Side Current Events Club, Robinson Seminary Alumnae

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In the evening a reception was given in the Armory which proved to be a most delightful affair. The receiving party were Mrs. Margaret Griffin, president Keene Colonial Club, Mrs. Susan C. Bancroft, president New Hampshire Federation, Mrs. Lilian C. Streeter, honorary president, Miss Runnells and Mrs. Woodman, vice-presidents, Mrs. Hersey, recording secretary, Miss Christophe, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Burlingame, treasurer, and Mrs. Burleigh, auditor. After being presented to the receiving party, the guests were given a fine opportunity to become acquainted with one another. During the evening music was furnished by an orchestra, and light refreshments were served.

The session of the second day opened promptly at 9:30. The first paper was read by Miss N. F. Pierce, of Portsmouth, on the "Laws of New Hampshire with Relation to Women." Miss Pierce reviewed the history of law, explained how laws had been developed and then gave her attention especially to New Hampshire laws. Her paper was exceedingly well written and greatly enjoyed.

"Egoism and Altruism in Club Life" was the theme of Miss Mary Eastman's paper. She said in part: "There are two ways in which the individual is developed in club life. First, by contact with great minds, notably those of our greatest lecturers. Second, by the individual's own activity. Altruism is a natural development from egoism. It is a broader, fuller life." She cautioned club women against doing too much, not to be burdened with responsibility but to do what we can easily and naturally.

The reports from various clubs brought the morning session to a close. Lunch was served in the parish house of the Unitarian Church and the tables presented a tempting array of dainties. The head table, at which were seated the officers of the Federation and presidents of local clubs, was decorated with a miniature May-pole, the streamers being the Federation colors and those of the hostess clubs of Keene.

The afternoon session was opened with a report on forestry followed by a lecture by Prof. John Tyler of Amherst College, on the subject, "The Child at Home and at School." Prof. Tyler's talk was very instructive and eagerly listened to. He outlined the development of the child from its infancy, and gave many suggestions as to the need of guiding the child's growth along natural lines.

Mrs. Susan C. Bancroft then delivered her annual address, giving a clear, concise report of the work of the Federation and what had been accomplished during the past year.

Mrs. Sarah T. Blodgett submitted a report on the State Board of Charities, after which the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sarah T. Blodgett, Franklin; first vice-president, Mrs. Dora B. Salisbury, Keene; second vice-president, Mrs. Mary Wood, Portsmouth; recording secretary, Mrs. A. G. Whittemore, Dover; corresponding secretary, Miss Bessie Cristophe, Manchester; treasurer, Mrs. Harriet G. Burlingame, Exeter; auditor, Mrs. Elvira P. Burleigh, Plymouth.

The Wednesday evening session, closing the convention, was open to the public and was largely attended. Prof. Henry T. Bailey was the speaker of the evening, and his subject, "The Woman's Club as an Influence for the Beautiful in Village, Home and School." Prof. Bailey has often spoken to clubs in New Hampshire and those who had heard him knew what a "treat" was before them. His remarks were greatly enjoyed and all would have been glad to listen longer. BESSIE M. CHRISTOPHE, MANCHESTER. Corresponding Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

Saginaw federated clubs entertained the executive board of the State Federation hospitably and elegantly at its recent meeting in that city to plan for the annual meeting of the Federation in Ann Arbor. The date chosen for this was October 29, 30, 31. At that time a program of unusual excellence and profit is promised, but the list of speakers and subjects will be published later.

Eight new clubs were admitted to membership in the Federation as follows: The Advance Club, Webberville; Daughters of Ossoli, Benton Harbor; Ladies' Literary Club, Otsego; Knowledge Seeker's Club, Onondaga; The Saturday Club, Manchester, The Study Club, Menominee; Scott Club, South Haven; and the Twentieth Century Club, Hudson. This makes the total number of federated clubs 131 with a membership of nearly 10,000.

A committee was appointed to investigate the question of "The Admission of Colored Women's Clubs into the G. F. W. C." and to report recommendations at the fall meeting of the board.

The Saginaw women showed great interest in the meeting of the board. The three federated clubs gave a delightful reception to its members in one of the most elegant homes of the city, and an elaborate luncheon the following day furnished extended opportunity for acquaintance and good fellowship.

Reports received at this meeting show that work is being actively pushed in the interest of free public libraries, forestry manual training in the schools, the study of art and household science. The value of the "Interchange," the official organ of the State Federation and of the CLUB WOMAN is appreciated more and more by Michigan club women. They are indispensable to her who seeks information and high ideals in her club work.

The departure of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Thompson from Grand Rapids to a home in California is a loss to club interests in that city and the state. Mrs. Thompson was foremost in cultivating the cause of "reciprocity."

The Michigan Women's Press Association, a federated organization, held its annual recently at Belding, the "silk city." Mrs. M. E. C. Bates, one of the most prominent and beloved literary workers of the state, was elected honorary president, a place made vacant by the decease of Mrs. Lucinda A. Stone. Michigan women will assent to this as an honor most worthily bestowed.

A resolution was also passed asking the chairman of the forestry committee of the State Federation to consider the need of making a beginning in the direction of preserving the beautiful trailing arbutus. In Michigan as elsewhere there seems danger that this favorite of flower lovers will become the victim of the ruthless hand of ignorance and selfishness. The Woman's Club, of St. Johns lately planted a century tree in the court house square. All over the state club women are building up public sentiment in behalf of tree culture and forest protection, showing conclusively that the majority of clubs are practical as well as literary.

WISCONSIN.

In the last number of the CLUB WOMAN there appeared an excellent paper on benefits of State Federations to individual clubs in which Mrs. Martha Wentworth Hopper, now of Indiana but Wisconsin's first treasurer, wrote of the work done in this state. She paid a high compliment to this continuity of aim in the Federation in the adherence to the lines of work first adopted with the gradual addition of others as necessity developed.

The Wisconsin Federation makes a specialty of the traveling study libraries for the benefit of individual clubs which are loaned to them for the mere payment of expense or freight charges. With all necessary books for the selected course of study there is furnished with each library a complete study outline prepared by one most competent for the work. The libraries now number seven and are on the following subjects: (a) "The Marble Faun." (b) A

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The women's clubs of the eighth congressional district held a convention at Kaukauna, May 10, with the chairman, Mrs. Arthur C. Neville, presiding. Mrs. Neville gave a talk on "Town Improvement," which was both interesting and instructive. She strongly advised all clubs undertaking this work to seek the co-operation of the gentlemen, as their aid and advice was essential to its success.

Mrs. Youmans, of Waukesha, president of the Wisconsin Federation, gave a short talk on the work of the Federation.

Mrs. Teetshorn, of Green Bay, as secretary of the Reciprocity Bureau, gave a brief review of the work during the past year and answered a number of enquiries concerning the Bureau; its object and aim.

Mrs. Carrie Morgan, city superintendent of schools at Appleton, followed with a paper on education.

She made a plea for the endowment of a chair in Downer College for domestic economy and said they would be very glad to have fifty women give \$100 a piece; or receive suggestion of some other practical plan for raising that amount.

A paper on "Domestic Economy," by Miss Sophia Neville of Green Bay, was one of the most interesting of the session. "Art Exchange" was treated by Mrs. Gooden, who told what this department is doing and what they might do if they had the funds. The object of this department is to place in all rural schools good reproductions of pictures from the best artists.

"The Relation of Club Women to the Rural Schools," by Mrs. Edgar Sawyer of Oshkosh, vice-president of the Federation, contained many excellent suggestions.

The color question came up for general discussion at the afternoon session. Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. Neville said that in their opinion the one way to reach a satisfactory solution of the problem was in the reorganization of the General Federation on the basis of state rights, allowing every state to pass upon its own membership and to have a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Federation state secretary, act as a committee on membership, receiving all applications to the General Federation. It was pointed out that the color line issue was going to again force the reorganization question on the General Federation and that the advocates of the plan of having the General Federation made up wholly of State Federations would probably gain more adherents than they did last June. Others did not quite agree with this view and there was a lively discussion.

The principal address of the evening was "Educational Hygiene," by Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, of Madison. The wife of the governor of the state appeared in a "dress reform" gown. Relative to strengthening the muscles, enlarging the chest and aiding digestion, she gave illustrations and plainly told what to do and how to do it. Mrs. La Follette is a lawyer and has had much experience with the world and its ways. She carries herself with the utmost dignity, and is doing much good in the way of health reform. "The Woman's Century," by Mrs. H. M. Youmans of Waukesha, president of the State Federation, was an excellent dissertation on woman's advancement during the nineteenth century.

The meeting of the American Library Association at Waukesha, Wis., July 3-10, 1901, will be of special interest to club women, and those interested in the establishment of public libraries, state library commissions, etc., should not fail to attend its sessions. Programs containing full particulars may be had upon application to Miss L. E. Stearns, State Federation librarian, 1119 Prairie street, Milwaukee, Wis.

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The subject for the holiday meeting, December, 1900, was "German Folk Lore and Folk Songs," with musical and poetical illustrations. The leader, who was also our hostess, had arranged the program in a unique manner. Little tables were in the room, at each table covers for four or six guests. The Christmas color, red, was in evidence in the bon bon baskets and other decorations, the programs tied with the German colors, yellow and black.

After the reading of a charming paper, "Folk Songs and Folk Lore," the guests were served with a fruit punch. Then followed selected folk songs; "Pilgrim's Chorus," from "Tannhauser," piano; Heine's "Lorelei," "Lorelei Song," vocal. A German salad, with different kinds of bread, cheese and olives were served. The remaining numbers, "Some Christmas Customs" and "The First Christmas Tree," Van Dyke's story, most charmingly told. Ice cream, cakes, sweets were offered, and the guests lingered long over their coffee discussing the topics on the program.

The opening year, January 2, brought the club together for a "Fagot Party." Each member came prepared with some story game, recitation, music (vocal or instrumental) for the amusement of the rest. They also brought a small bundle of sticks, which each person threw upon the fire, and, while the twigs burned, the fagot was given. There were fagots grave and gay, well rendered songs, a recitation in German, and one woman brought a fine collection of post cards gathered during a tour in Germany. The last number was "Some Club Women," questions and answers, with clever hits on the members' names. A Federation pin was given to the most successful guesser.

After the program the guests went to the dining room, where upon an open hearth a great pile of pine logs were blazing high, creating a truly old-fashioned holiday effect to eye and senses alike. Supper was served in true German fashion, the menu consisting of German viands.

This year the club is taking for its outside work the furnishing and maintaining of a woman's room at the hospital. For the past three years, with the help of the other clubs in the city, it has furnished magazines and papers to the reading room in the public library.

The club membership is twenty.

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Here are two stories which point the same moral: A dear little girl who lives within ten miles of Boston was out walking with her mamma one day this spring, when she spied a great sign extended across a shoe factory and bearing the title of a shoe, adding "The best shoe for women." The little girl saw it. "Why, mamma," she cried, indignantly, "that's not right! They shouldn't say the — is the best shoe for women. The Sorosis is the best shoe for women, isn't it?"

A young lady who has since become an April bride was asked by a well-known club woman what she would have from her as a wedding gift. "Oh, if you are going to give me anything," she pleaded, "let me have two pairs of Sorosis shoes; one for street wear and one for dress occasions. I am getting all sorts of silver and fancy things, but please won't you give me what I want most of all,—Sorosis shoes?" And she got them.

The moral is self-evident. The Sorosis shoe has made a place for itself, and those who try them never want any other.